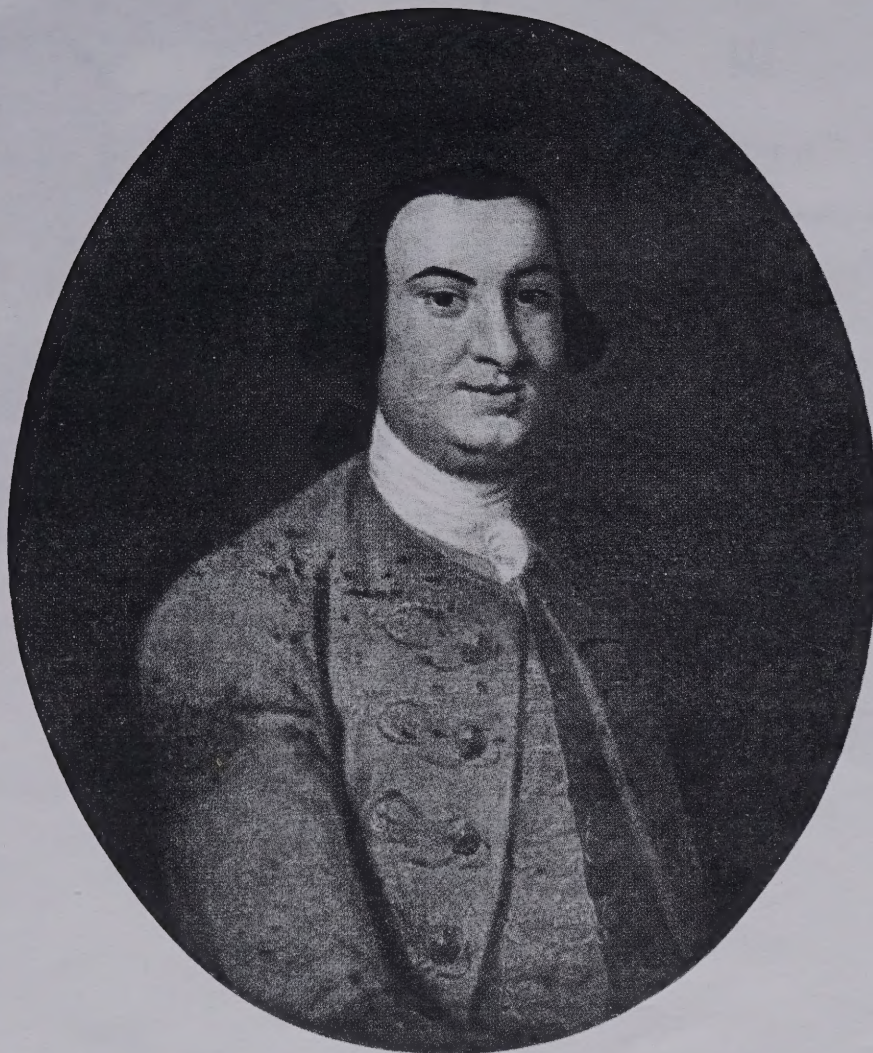




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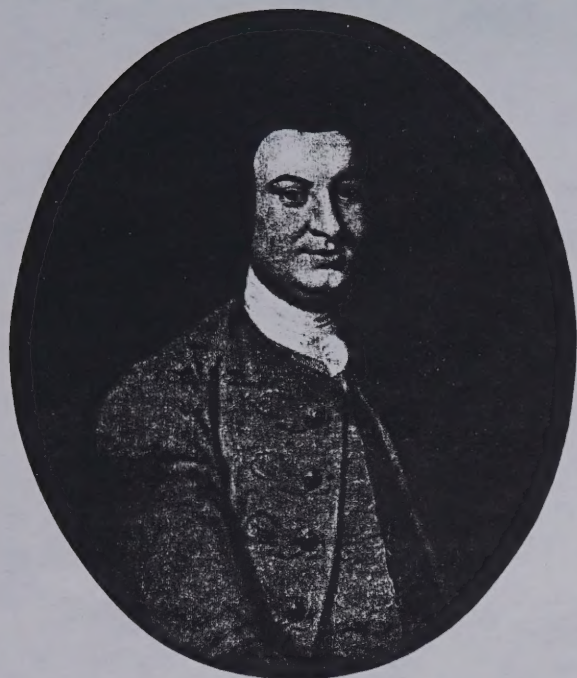
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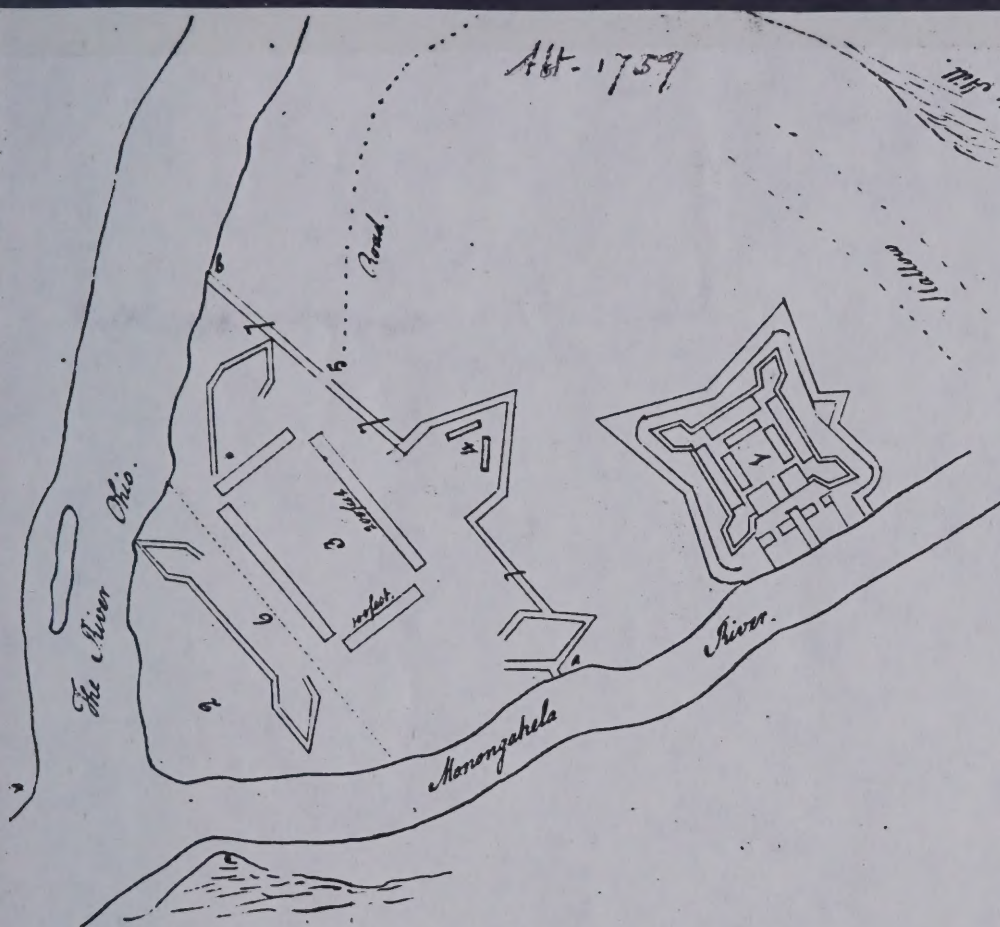
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N.B. About 450 Yds from River to River
where the ditch is cut from a to b

- 1 Sleeping by General Forbes.
- 2 Ruins of Fort Duquesne
- 3 Barnacks
- 4 Magazines
- 5 The Gate
- 6 Shothado's for this Winter.

The two bastions at the Junction of the Rivers
not to be made this Season.

It is 400 Yards right over the Monongahela
at the Fort and 350 Yds from the Fort to the point
in the Ohio.

7 Ditch 40 feet wide and abt. 12 feet deep.

The whole Rampart and Parapet is of Earth
and proposed to be faced with brick next
Summer.

SKETCH OF MERCER'S FORT AND RUINS OF FORT DUQUESNE

Underd drawing ordered "A Rough Sketch of the Fort building at Pittsburg, with a Plan of the Fort erected there by General Forbes"

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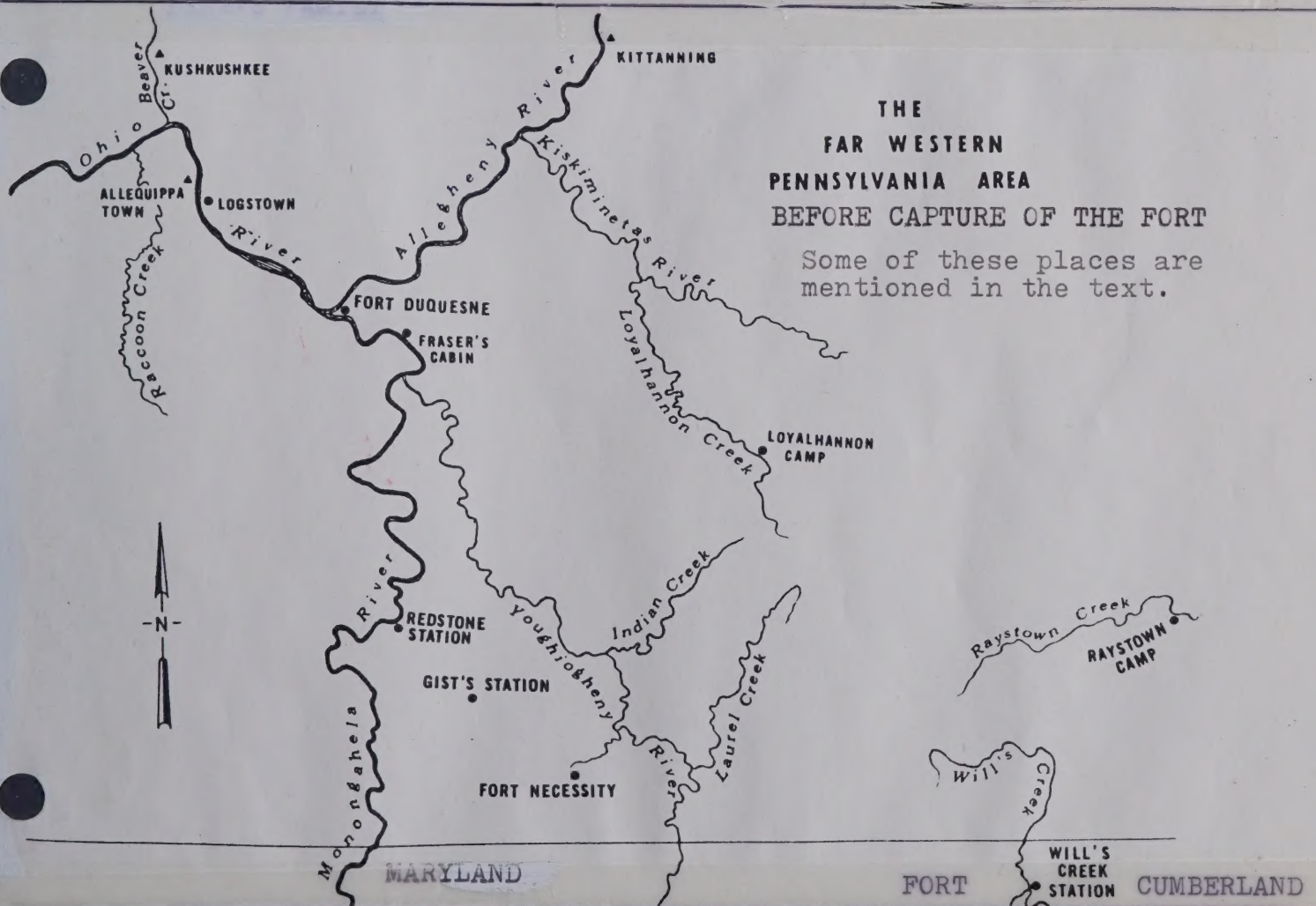


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Title page from book from which excerpts on these pages were taken, and portrait of Colonel Bouquet.

The map below is from another book, but depicts the theatre of operations pretty well.
Also see map in Chapter Nine.



the following

PEARIS FAMILY

(Original spellings retained)

The following are letters of Colonel Henri Bouquet, (1719-65) Swiss soldier in the British service in America, second in command under General John Forbes of the expedition against Fort Duquesne in 1758 and in the following year, to his superior and others as they apply to Captain Richard Pearis; and also communications received from Captain Pearis. Col. Bouquet operated in the Pennsylvania arena. Since he spoke no English, the letters he wrote are translations from the French.

To General John Forbes

Camp near Raystown, July 13, 1758.

Sir,

✓ Captain Paris,¹ after bringing his sixteen Cherokees, is going to Fort Frederic to receive his company's pay. From there he is to go to Fort Cumberland, according to your orders.

I believe that he would be very suitable to take the Little Carpenter from Winchester to Raystown, but as he is not in favor with the Virginians, and as I do not know what orders you may have given on this subject, I advised him to ask you for your wishes regarding this commission.

He says that it is not more than forty miles from Fort Frederic to Raystown by a path through the woods which would be the best route for these Cherokees.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant

HENRY BOUQUET

Section of letter of 15 July 1758:

There are 18 ovens built, charcoal has been made, and I am making a storehouse for hay. The 16 Indians whom Captain Paris¹¹ had brought, ✓ left us yesterday like rascals, after having solemnly promised to take part in the campaign. Perhaps I wrong their leader, but I think he rather thought to put himself forward by bringing them under the lure of getting presents for their past services, instead of seeking to make them render new services. He is not a trustworthy man, in spite of the recommendations that may be given to you at Carlisle. (He left the day before yesterday to go to Cumberland with Bosomworth.)

✓ Gist's Catawbas and Cherokees exist only in his imagination, and are reduced to 28 Tuscaroras and Nantaways,¹² better fitted to carry off our presents than to fight. We must no longer count on any but ourselves. Yesterday I received 28 letters; I am replying to what concerns the service directly, and I hope that Major Grant and the brigade major will excuse me for today.

(Note: Col. Bouquet is in a bad mood today; perhaps he has a bad headache. Christopher Gist, having replaced Atkin, is now Indian agent.)

PEARIS TO [FORBES]

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 19a, C. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 9, 1759]

Sir/

I think it my Duty to let you know that I never had the Complement of Men at this Fort agreeable to your Orders. the most I could get here was Ninety Rank and File, and out of them you'll see by the Return¹ how Many is Deserted since my last. Notwithstanding all I can do with them and have Done, without Money verry soon to Pay them I don't expect there will be in a Short time any Body to Garrison this Fort but Officers, we have given them Shoes and other things but all wont do.

Sir I just beg leave to Mention Altho it was your Pleasure to Order me to this Post so that I cant have the Honour of Waiting on you without its your Pleasure. Altho' Absent have grate reason to think that you'll not forget my Past service in the late Campaign and if you are Pleas'd to think me worthy of your Favour am in hopes you'll Recommend or Reward me Accordingly.

I am Sir

your most Obedient Humble Servant

RICH^d PEARISFort Cumberland January 9th 1759¹ Not found.

COURT OF INQUIRY CONCERNING WILLIAM DARLING

Held by Order of Col. Bouquet at Fort Bedford Jany ye 20, 1759
President--Capt. Curry. Members--Lieut Hubbard, Lieut Gorril

Was examined William Darling, confin'd by Captn. Pearis, on Suspicion of embezling two of His Majesty's Horses.

Captⁿ Pearis informs the Court, that one Varnell (who had accompined the Prisoner from Fort Cumberland home) had inform'd him Cap^t Pearis that the Prisoner had bragg'd to him of the fine Hawl he had made in his Trip to F^t Cumberland having, as he said, got a Mare worth ten Pounds & a Horse worth about five. And that the said Darling in coming back brought the Mare part of the Way, in order to dispose of her, but would not bring her so far as Cumberland, lest she should be own'd & taken from him. That upon this information he, Captⁿ Pearis, sent for the Prisoner, and tax'd him with carrying off the King's Horses. And as

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the Prisoner could not give a Satisfactory Account, for being in Possession of them Captⁿ Pearis order'd him to be confin'd 'till he procur'd Bail for his appearing in eight Days, & producing the two Horses.

The Prisoner being ask'd, by the Court, what right he had to take the Mare out of the Fort says, that he claim'd her, as his Brother's Property, and on that Claim obtained Leave to take her away. being ask'd if he attempted to send her back, or acquaint the Commanding Officer at Ft Cumberland of his mistake, answers, not 'till he was sent for, which Captⁿ Pearis says, was more than three Weeks after taking her away

The Prisoner says also that he gave 25 Shillings for her to a Soldier of the 2^d Virginia Regim^t And as to the Horse, he says, he took his from *Jo: Goolding, & Dan¹ McFall, out of Pitty, that he might not Suffer by hunger. The Prisoner informs the Court that Varnell had a parcell of Tires, &c: conceal'd under his Bed, which he believes belong to the King's Waggons at Fort Cumberland.

L^s OURRY

* belonging to Capⁿ Rob^t McKenzie's Company 1^t Virginia Regm^t

*Endorsement*³

January the 22^d The said Darling was releas'd from the Guard; being bail'd by John Cockendall, in a Bond of two hundred Pounds Sterling for his appearance at Hamshire Court⁴ the 17th of March next insuing

[†] Original is in the Haldimand Papers, B. M., Add. MSS. 21682. A transcription of the original is in the Public Archives of Canada, Haldimand Papers, Vol. B 22 [ff. 26-27], but it does not contain several sentences found in this Dalhousie document.

¹ Lieut. Edward Hubbard, Virginia forces.

² Lieut. James Gorrell, adjutant and lieutenant in Dagworthy's Maryland forces at Fort Cumberland.

³ The Public Archives of Canada transcription adds Capt. Richard Pearis' signature to the endorsement.

⁴ Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

Per Ourry's Journal kept at Bedford, on Tues. January 1759, "Received William Darling, Waggoner sent Prisoner by Capt. Pearis for embezzling the Kings Horses. Confin'd him on the Gaol in the Fort." Capt. Pearis & Lieut. Gorrel came from Ft. Cumberland Saturday the 20th and left for Ft. Cumberland Mon. AM the 22nd.

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For CWT's a Journal kept at Westport, on New England, 1847.
Received William Dutton, Westport, N. H. 1847.
For examining the King's House, Dutton's house, and the land in 1847.
For the King's House, Dutton's house, and the land in 1847.
Saturday the 20th and left for N. Hampshire Mon. AM the 22nd.

To the Soldiers of the Maryland Forces in garrison at Fort Cumberland.

Gentlemen

As it is represented to me by Cap^t Rich^d Pearis that you have received no Pay¹ for a considerable Time, by which deficiency you are reduced to such distress that you think of abandonning the Fort if not relieved in a Short time.

I have there upon thought proper to let you know that the money lately voted by your Province as a gratification for your past good services, Shall be punctually paid to you, according to the Intentions of the Government, without any deduction for the advances you may have received from time to time, which advances are to be Stopped afterwards when you receive your full Pay: and in order to enable you to wait a few days for your Share of the above Gratification, I have impowred Cap^t Pearis to advance 20 Sh. to Each man, which Shall be deducted from y^e Said Gratification.

And whereas the Settling of your arrears and Pay requires Some time; I do expect from your Fidelity, honour, and duty, that you Shall wait patiently untill the 15th of March next by which time, and perhaps sooner, I hope to See all your affairs Settled to your satisfaction;

I place such Confidence in you that I make no doubt of your ready Compliance to my desire, and I think you too wise to loose by a precipitate and rash Step, the fruit of all your Labours, your reputation, and your Money.

I propose [going][†] to set out to morrow¹ for the settlements where I Shall represent in the Strongest terms to the General your Situation, and the Justice of your demands, and Shall inform Cap^t Pearis of the Success of my solicitations in your favour.

It has been reported to me that one Balsar Kern² a Soldier Should have Spread among you false Reports from me. That I had offered him ten Pistoles to Enlist in the R. A. R. and other infamous Insinuations tending to dispirit the Garrison, and make you take wrong and pernicious

[†] Stricken out.

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measures: I therefore have thought it necessary to inform you myself that I never did Speak to, or even Saw the Said Balsar Kern, who has basely and maliciously contrived the above falshood to bad Purposes: Therefore I have given Strict orders to Cap^t Pearis to have the Said Balsar Kern tried by a Court Martial, and punished with the utmost severity of the Law against Such Seditious discourses.

I recommand you again to have Patience, till you hear from me, which will be in a Short time, and to continue to do your duty in Such a manner as to inforce my Recommandations in your behalf and you may depend upon my utmost Endeavours to See you righted in your Pretensions.

Given under my hand at Fort Bedford the twenty Second day of January 1759

[no signature]

[Endorsed] Letter written to the Maryland Soldiers 22^d Jan^y 1759

* Original not found; another copy is in S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 86,

COLONEL BOUQUET TO GENERAL FORBES

Fort Bedford January 23, 1759

Sir:

I have seen with much pleasure from your letter of the 14th that you were so near Philadelphia, and that your trip in such a bad season has not made your condition worse. I trust that the rest and care you will find in the city will soon restore your strength and health....

(As we know from history, General Forbes died in Philadelphia soon after this.) He goes on to report on conditions. There were many things needing attention, and among them he encloses a copy of the letter above which he has just sent to the Maryland soldiers...

Captain Pearis arrived here yesterday from Cumberland, and told me that the garrison had resolved to abandon the fort, as they no longer wished to serve without receiving their pay. With a great deal of trouble he made them promise to stay until he had spoken to me.

He informed me that the province of Maryland had voted £1500 to be distributed as extra pay to their troops, on the refusal of the Council to pass the bill for their pay and arrears.

The soldiers who are at Fort Frederic have received their share of this extra pay, and Lieutenant Colonel Dagworthy² must have the rest for the troops which are at Cumberland, but he has not written a word since his departure, and the soldiers make very insolent remarks regarding him and this money.

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LETTER FROM GENERAL FORBES

Port Bedford January 22, 1952

I have seen with much pleasure your letter of the 17th and am glad to hear that you were so near Philadelphia and that your trip was a success. I trust that the season has not made your condition worse. I trust that the rest and care you will find in the city will soon restore your strength and health.

(As we know from history, General Forbes died in Philadelphia soon after this.) He goes on to report on conditions. There are many things needing attention, and among them he enclosed a copy of the letter above which he had sent to the British.

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In the hope that the province will finally provide their pay, or the government if they default, I thought it my duty to prevent the complete desertion of these men by the only means which lay in my power, which was to write them the enclosed letter,³ which I hope you will approve under the existing circumstances. Pearis believes that they will make no difficulty about remaining on that footing until March 15th, a sufficient time to make a decision regarding them. I shall learn their decision by express.

The number of horses and wagons stolen during the campaign is so great that I have no doubt you will order search warrants in the three provinces. These rogues will betray one another, and punishing them will prevent similar crimes in another campaign.

✓ Captain Pearis sent me a prisoner, a Virginia farmer,⁴ who stole two horses. I had him examined by a court of inquiry, and released under bail of 200 pounds Sterling.

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 20, A. L. S.]

Sir

I am sorry I have to inform you that on the twenty first Inst^t at Night Deserted from here Serj^t Fill¹ and fourteen Men with him Notwithstanding the Promises they Made to me, agreeable to your Orders I Read your letter² to those Remaining, they all Return you harty thanks for your kind Proposals, and Care for them, and says they will do their Duty with Spirit agreeable to your Request untill the 15th of March, I beleave if those that Deserted on the twenty first, had not been gon before I Came home they would not gon. tomorrow Morning I send Ensign Love³ with the Copsy of your letter after those that are gon hoping that it will have the Desired Effect on them to Return. I also send a copy to Governor Sharpe with a list⁴ of the Deserted in hopes he will send some of them Back in Case they go to Annopolis, Balser Kern shall be tryed to morrow the Rest of the men Appeares to be Much Displeased with him for his false seditious Reports.

I am

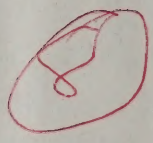
Sir

Your most obedient Hum¹ Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS ✓

Fort Cumbr^d Jan^r 23^d 1759 9 O Clock

11/11/11 11:11



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[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis 23^d Jan^y

[*Addressed*] To Coll: Henry Bouquet

¹ Sgt. John Fell is shown on duty at Raystown, on the Muster Roll of a Maryland Company of Foot commanded by Col. John Dagworthy, dated at Loyalhanna, Nov. 12, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 22. On Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759, Fell is shown as having deserted on Jan. 22, 1759. *Ibid.*, f. 26.

² Bouquet to Maryland Troops, Jan. 22.

³ Ens. Philip Love is listed on Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Loyalhanna, Nov. 12, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 22.

⁴ A list of deserters appears on Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. *Ibid.*, f. 26.

✓ PEARIS TO OURRY ✓

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 36, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 31, 1759]

D^r Sir

Since I have Wrote¹ my sentiments to Coll: Bouquet and you, I am informed by M^r Love² that Coll: Dagworthy sent 100 pounds of the Present Money to M^r Riley³ who is now Deceased to bring here for the Men at this Garrison, I Cant see the Reason why he Did not send the whole without he Intends to Defraud them out it, as the Men says, for I think he has no Right to make any stopages. Also, I have Just heard by M^r Love that Coll Dagworthy gave privit Orders Orders to M^r Lenox⁴ unknown to me who he new [was]† was to Command untill he Came, to let aney of the Men have furloughs that wanted them which he has don without my leave Notwithstanding the Generalls orders for 100 men to be kept here, this I would beg you would acquaint Coll: Bouquet with or enclose this to to him, Am Quite tired of this Command without Matters were Carried on in a more Juster manner than has Been

I am Sir your most obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS ✓

Ja^y 31, 1759

To Cap^t Ourry

[*Endorsed*] Capⁿ Pearis Ft Cumberland, Jan^y 31, 1759:

[*Addressed*] To Lewes Ourry ade Quarter Master General at Fort Bedford

† Stricken out.

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PEARIS TO BOUQUET ✓

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 42, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, February 5, 1759]

Sir

I send you Inclosed the Proceedings¹ of a Court Martial held to try Corpo¹ Ragon² of Coll: Dagworthys Company where in You'll see what insulting Mutenus behaviour Rains amongst the Men of this Garrison Notwithstanding y^e Money I have paid them Agreeable to your Orders, and the Promises made by them. I have sent the above Ragon Prisoner to Fort Bedford untill your Pleasure is known, knowing him to be a Soer of Muteney amongst the Rest. I Also send you a Return of what Horses loaded with flower has passd for Pitsburg since my last many more yet following, According to Your Order I sent to William Rosses,³ who was Accused by Creasep⁴ for Concealing some of his Majestys Horses where Ensign Mearns⁵ found three two of which appears to belong to the Virginia Officers and one to his Majesty Ross says he took them up in the Woods, also Ross informes [me]† on one Eves⁶ and one Plum⁷ who lives at Cresaps that they have Conceald ten or twelve of his Majestys Horses, Cresaps Servant Man Confirms what Ross says, only he says ther is but seven of them Belongs to the King I have sent an officer to bring both Men and Horses in Case they are taken, would [be glad]† Be Glad to Receive Your Orders how to Proceed, Nothing else Extrodinary

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient & most Hum^l Ser^t

RICH^d PEARIS ✓

F^t Cumb^d Febr^y 5th 1759

To Coll: Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis febr^y 5th

[*Addressed*] To Coll: Henry Bouquet [Philadelphia]† at York Town.

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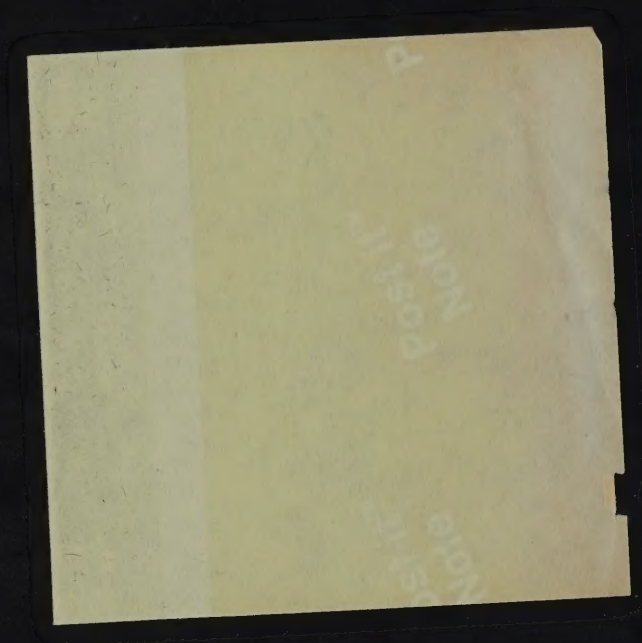
¹ See Proceedings of Court Martial which follow.

² Cpl. John Ragon is listed on the Muster Roll of Col. John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. Ragon and a Corporal James Nowell are shown there as having deserted on April 16. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

³ William Ross had a home on the South Branch of the Potomac River. Deposition of Davis Morgan, May 10, 1757, *Archives of Maryland*, XXXII, 250-251.

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^D
DEN DERGAST



The Horses gone by Bradocks Road, have met with some obstacle or other, for 'tho' 196 had passed by Fort Cumberland between the 23^d of January & the 5th Ins^t not one was arrived at Pittsburgh the 3^d as Col^l Mercer informs me. But a Suttler who left that Place the 3^d at Night, tells me that Intelligence was just brought to the Colonel, of upwards of 200 Horses being within 20 Miles, and that he sent out a Party to meet them. So I make no doubt of their being arrived now. The 196 that I know of, were loaded as Pr inclosed Return.²

As I suppose I shall be order'd down very Soon I would be glad to know, whether any body is coming to releive me, or if I am to leave the transacting of this Business to the Commanding Officer,³ to whom I have hinted that I immagin'd it might fall to his Lot, at least for a time, and have been Striving to initiate him in that agreeable Amusement, for which he does not shew the Strongest Inclination.

My right hand man Boggs⁴ the Horse Master, will ease him much in the Laborious part, but I believe he will need more Assistance in the other Details.

The Country People coming with Corn to sell here, & Liquor &c: to carry up, and returning [with]† with a thousand requests & Difficulties, will perplex any body that is not a little innur'd to that variety of Occurences, & perhaps throw things in great Confusion. The want of ready Money, cause abundance of Trouble, when one has to deal with People from Sundry remote Places, where the Purchaser has not Credit to draw for one Shilling — Tho' I have run the risk of having my Bills protested by Mess^{rs} Dickson & Prater,⁵ from whom I have yet no Answer

I have been casting up, that, notwithstanding I have paid off £300 of Debts, I have Still, in the Hands of Ten or twelve Suttlers & other Friends Notes of Hand for upwards of £600 which I have been oblige to borrow from time to time.

I have lower'd the Price of Grain, And, tho' I at first gave Forrage to encourage People to go up to Pittsburgh, I charge them for what they take now to be deducted from the Price of their Goods, which lessens both the Demand & the Expençe.

I have nothing more to add, but waiting your Instructions & Directions, I remain with great Respect

Dear Col^l

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant

L^s. OURRY

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OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 45, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Feb^r y^e 26th 1759

Dear Col^l

Since my last to you of the 24th Cur^t I have receiv'd two Let^{rs}¹ from ✓ Captⁿ Pearis,² who informs me that Numbers of People returning from Pittsburgh have been greatly distress'd having suffer'd much hardship, through cold & hunger, & sustain'd great losses by the Death, & loss of their Horses, Starved & Stray'd. Some that took up Six brought back but one, some two. Several Men in Swimming their Horses, nearly lost their Lives. He has assisted them, & got the Flatt afloat, which, it seems, is of great Service. He recommends building another, about 5 Miles below Cressaps, at one Bruery Cox,³ as being between 30 & 40 Miles nearer from Winchester than the other Road, by that means he thinks the People from those parts would be encouraged to carry up Provisions. He has recover'd 8 or 10 Horses which I have sent for.

He acquaints me also that he has receiv'd Directions from Sr John St Clair, to receive in his Stores a Quantity of Indian Goods 'till they can ✓ be transported to Pittsburgh. They are arrived there.

None of the Deserters⁴ being return'd, but on the contrary several more having lately gone off, & the few remaining being discontented, & not to be relied on, And this Additional Store of Indian Goods being lodged there, I took the Liberty to remind Captⁿ Davis,⁵ of the Reinforcement you mention'd in case that Place should be abandon'd, upon which he acquiesced to send an Officer⁶ and twenty Men, who March this Day. I suppose on their arrival the remainder of the Marylanders will all go away.

As Captⁿ Davis does not propose writing to you 'till the end of the Month with the Monthly Returns, I have with his Consent mention'd thus much out of my own Province, for your earlier Information. I remain with Respect

D^r Col^l

Y^r most humble & most Ob^t Servant

L^s. OURRY

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Col^l Bouquet

Just as I was going to Seal this, I received, (by some Distress'd Country Men return'd from Pittsburgh,) a Letter¹ from Col^l Mercer, informing me that Indian Meal will not keep sweet above a few Weeks, neither in Baggs nor Granaries, therefore he proposes discouraging bringing any More, ground, as he finds it difficult to save the Quantity he has already in Store, & intends to send some to Ligonier on return'd Horses, that it may be saved before it Spoils.

Upon this I told the Country Men to carry up nothing but Flour, & [not][†] Indian Corn unground, and to acquaint their Neighbours that no more Meal, at present, nor Liquor would be received.

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] L^t Ourry 26 feb^r

[Addressed] On His Majesty's Service to Coll. Bouquet at Philadelphia
To The Care of L^t Sinclair⁷ at Carlisle

[†] Stricken out.

¹ Not found.

² Capt. Richard Pearis (often spelled Paris), who had been in Maryland service in 1758, but would receive a commission in the Pennsylvania Regiment in May, 1759.

³ Bruery Cox's (Cocke's), on Patterson Creek, between Forts Cumberland and Ashby.

⁴ See Pearis to Bouquet, Jan. 23.

⁵ Capt. Patrick Davis, Pennsylvania Regiment.

⁶ Not identified.

⁷ Lieut. James Sinclair, assistant to the quartermaster, Sir John St. Clair.

27 FEBRUARY 1759

INVOICE: INDIAN STORES

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 71, D.]

An Invoice¹ of Indian Stores sent from Fort Bedford to Fort Pittsburgh by Order of Leiu^t Ourry of the Royal American Regiment & Aide Deputy-Quarter Master General by Ambrose Newton² Conductor to the Royal Artillery Feb^r 27: 1759

To 39 Horse Loads sent by Christopher Smith the Particulars are as followeth	Horse Master	
To Blankets	468	
English Match Coats	45	
French Brown Match Coats	116	
White old ones	5	
French White Match Coats	80	
Scalping Knives Dozens	27-7	
Clasp Knives Dozens	73	
Black and White Beads about lb.	4	
Brass Rings Dozens	30	
Sleive Buttons Dozens	3	
Pipe Tomahokes	16	
Gun Locks	23	
Yelow Binding Peices	12	
Gartring Peices	2	
Wire about lb.	1½	
Vermillion about lb.	2	
Check Shirts	18	
White Ruffled	2	
Aul Blades Dozens	7	
Jews Harps Dozens	6-9	
Some Screw Nails for the Guns	..	
Half thick for Stockings Yards	38¼	
Strouding Half thick Yards	7	
2 Peices of Strip'd Flannel Yards	17½	
1 Remnant of a Peice of White Linn ab ^t 2 Shirts	..	
Blew Britch Clout Yards	11	
Peices of Half thick	10	
Peices of Callico	1	
Pairs of Red Half thick stockings	1	
Barr Lead, Peices	984	Barrs
Flints about	2000	
Tin Quart Mugs	16	
Tin Pints Ditto	39	
Indian Guns	20	
Pistols	2	
Silver Gorgets	18	
Silver Lac'd Hats	22	
White Wampum	2000	
Tomahoaks	96	

[Endorsed] Indian Goods Sent to Pittsburgh

¹ This invoice was probably enclosed in Bouquet's letter to Forbes, Feb. 14.

² One of 3 conductors listed in Capt. David Hay's receipt, Feb. 21, to Henry Ward, Paymaster to the Royal Artillery in Pennsylvania. H.S.P., Gratz Collection, American Wars Series, "Papers relating to Pennsylvania Artillery Train."

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PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 85, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 4, 1759]

D^r Sir

You have the Monthly Returns¹ by M^r Ourry, who I have sent them to, as I am informed you are gon to Philadelphia, I Beg leave to trouble you, to Indeavour to have my Indians^s Accounts Setled, which is in the hands of Cap^t Bozmouth,² as I cant attend myself. I hope you wount think it two troublesome to see them adjusted and Setled.

The Men left in this Garrison wates Impatient untill the fifteenth of March when they will all abanden the Fort without their pay, there is maney of them at Fort Frederick that left this is Willing to Return on hearing of their Money being Come, I hope at least you'l order the Present money here that I may be able to stop what I advanced by Your Order³ You'l see by the Return that there is Maney of them Deserted sence I advanced to them and purhaps may Receive the whole money Below

I am

D^r Sir

your most Obedient and Most Hum^e Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Mar^h 4th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis March the 4th

[*Addressed*] To Coll. Hen^{ry} Bouquet at Philadelphia

¹ See Ourry to Bouquet, March 4.

² Capt. Abraham Bosomworth.

C. 16 MARCH 1759

BOUQUET TO PEARIS

[Philadelphia, c. March 16, 1759]

Letter missing, but acknowledged by Pearis in his letter to Bouquet, March 17. Bouquet discussed the garrison at Fort Cumberland.

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PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 108, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 17, 1759]

Sir

With great satisfaction I Receiv'd your favour¹ this Day & Read part of your Letter to the men in this Garrison indeavouring to let them know the many Disappointments you Laboured Under in Regard to the settling their affairs, which I have made them sensible of, and are Quite Satisfied untill your farther Orders is known, on the 15th I was Obliged to Confine 13 of the Men and on the 16th they Petitioned me for Releasment which I Granted on Promising they would stay till Your Letter Came. I this day Borrowed forty Pounds from Coll: Cresap² to give them, which I believe will satisfie them untill I Receive further Orders if soon. They blame Coll: Dagworthy³ greatly for keeping their Present Money from them as they have Never Receiv'd one farthing of it yet I hope you'll take care to Order it here that I may be able to make Stopages for what I have advanced for them

If the Men had got that Present money when Granted by the Province, I am Confident the cheapest Part of them would be here yet

Inclosed you have a Return¹ of the strength of the Garrison. I am sorry to hear Gene¹ Forbes ill[ness]† state of health. I will use all Proper means to Continue the Men untill I Receive further Orders.

I have no News

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cum^d March 17th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

P S

Sir,

I Relie on your Intrust in Regard to my Private Affaires.

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis 17th March

[*Addressed*] To Coll: Henry Bouquet In Philadelphia

† Stricken out.

¹ Not found.

² Col. Thomas Cresap of Oldtown, Maryland.

³ Lieut. Col. James Dagworthy, Maryland forces.

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PEARIS: DIMENSIONS OF BRIDGE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 119, A. D. S.]

Fort Cum^d March 31st 1759

A Return of the Dementions of a Bridg to be made over Will's Creek¹ supposed to be sufficient to stand any flood. With the Dementions of two Connewe's [canoes] already made for the use of his Majesty's Service at this Garrison.

	Feet	Inch ^s	
The length of the Bridg	270		
The N ^o of Pillers is 6 Each Piller	24		
and	12		
The Highth	20		
The form of y ^e Pillers to be filled with stone			
The length of the large Connew is	29		
The Wedth is	2	6	
The Debth is	1	7	
The length of the Small Connew	20		
The Wedth	1	9	
Debth	1	5	

If it's thought Proper to be ordered made by these Dementions I think it will stand any Flood & will be of the utmost Service for Carrage's Passing for Pittsburg both from Virginia & Mary^d and in purticular this Garrison as Timber is very inconvenient to be got any other place then by Crossing Will's Creek, some People on their Return from Pittsburg has been oblige to stay here this 4 Days on aCount of the Creek being so high and Rapped that y^e Connew Could not Cross and likely to stay severall days longer without Swiming their horses, one ho[r]se was Drowned Yester Day attempting to swem it.

RICH^d PEARIS

¹ On the Potomac River at present site of Cumberland, Md.

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PEARIS FAMILY

The latter part of April 1759 has come. The Province of Maryland has refused to appropriate any more money for the troops, which still need to patrol in Pennsylvania. In fact, Bouquet will later on have to fight Indians there, after the French are gone. But the brunt of the war has shifted to two other fronts. The Cherokees have gone over to French influence. Col. William Byrd III as well as Carolina troops are to tackle the Southern theatre,

General Stanwix is in charge of the New York frontier, where fighting is heaviest of all. the following letter indirectly commends Captain Richard Pearis to General Stanwix, and sets the stage for the next phase of his career, on a new front.

BOUQUET TO STANWIX

York Town 26th April 1759

"..... first page of letter omitted..")

Ralfe¹⁰ has got twenty men at Fort Cumberland which he brought yesterday, he would have inlisted the 14 remaining, had not some of their officers interfeared.

Col. Byrd had Sent one of his officers to that Post who offered £10= Bounty, but Ralfe had been before hand with him, and he did not get one Cap^t Pearis who goes down, was very assistant, I promised & paid him 30/. Curr^y for Each man, for his trouble and supposed Expences on that Occasion.

I think he would be able to raise 50, or 60 more in Maryland, If you thought proper to make an agreement with him; There are four officers of the Marylanders remaining at Cumberland, who having been ordered there with 100 men by Brig^r Forbes, desires your Orders for their Conduct: The men being near all gone, they can be of no further service there, as their Province does not Seem disposed to pay them.

I hope to finish my business here in a day or two and to go back to Philad^a

Mr Leslie¹¹ applied to me for leave to go to N. York to See his brother, I refer him to you.

I am with great Respect

My dear General

Your most obedient and most humble servant

HENRY BOUQUET

The latter part of April 1955 has been a very busy time for the Bureau of Prisons. The Bureau has received a large number of applications for parole and has been reviewing them. The Bureau has also been reviewing the records of the prisoners and has been making plans for the future. The Bureau has been very busy and has been working hard to keep the prisoners under control.

General Starnix is in charge of the New York Prison. He is a very experienced man and has been in charge of the prison for many years. He is a very good man and has been very successful in his work. He is a very good man and has been very successful in his work.

BOUGHT TO STARNIX

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Three pages of letterhead.

BURD TO BOUQUET

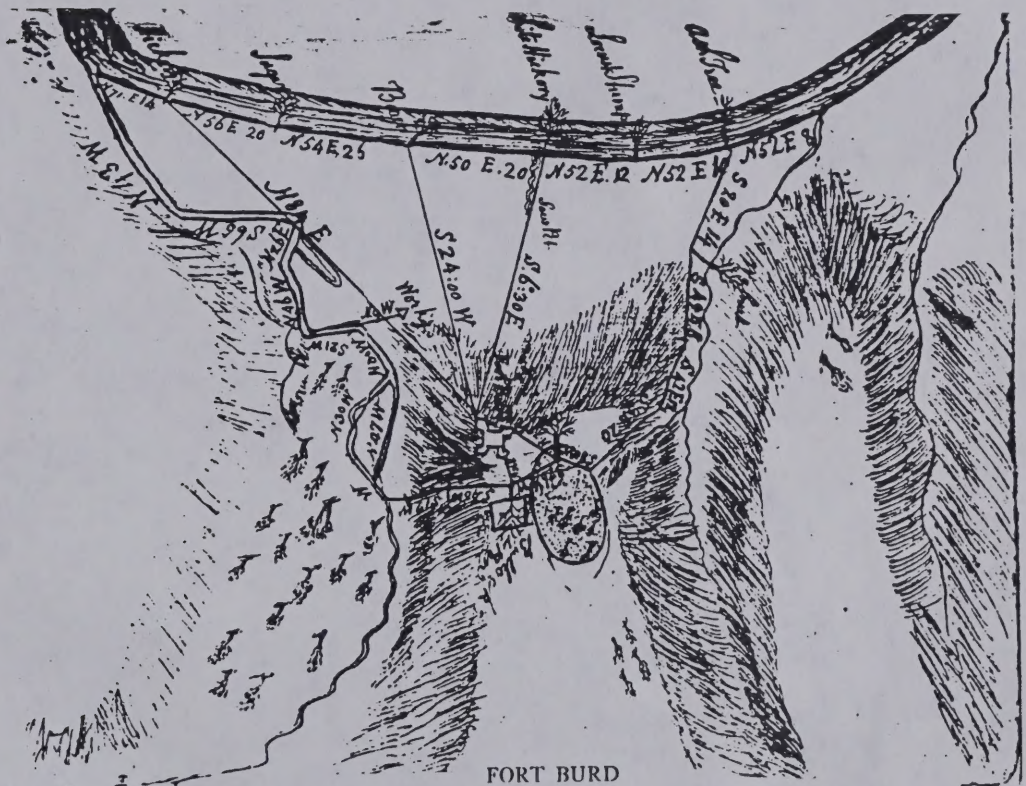
[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 361, A. L. S.]*

Camp at Martines¹ 10 miles from Fort
Cumberland 5th Septem. 1759

My Dear Sir

I have only gott thus farr upon my march, we have had a prodigious heavy Constant Rain for those three days past which makes it very difficult to gett our Wagons along, however, you may depend no time will be lost. from Cumberland hence is hilly road & stonny & we have Crossed in this little distance I think 14 or 15 Creeks so farr as I have March'd there is not one single Bridge repaired neither can I observe any thing done on the road by Mr Fenny² and I am told theres very little done before me but I shall Suspend my Judgement untill I see it

I have lost 17 men by Desertion since I left Cumberland A great many of them old troops of the best men in my Battallion. I have sent Advertisements to Virginia & Maryland & as Capt. Vanbiber³ is on his March



Drawing endorsed "Draught of the Situation of Fort Burd on the Monongahela, Laid out by J.S. jr & built by a Detachment of Pennsylvanians under y^e Command of Col^l Ja^s Burd in October 1759." [Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Shippen Family Papers.

BURD TO BOUQUET

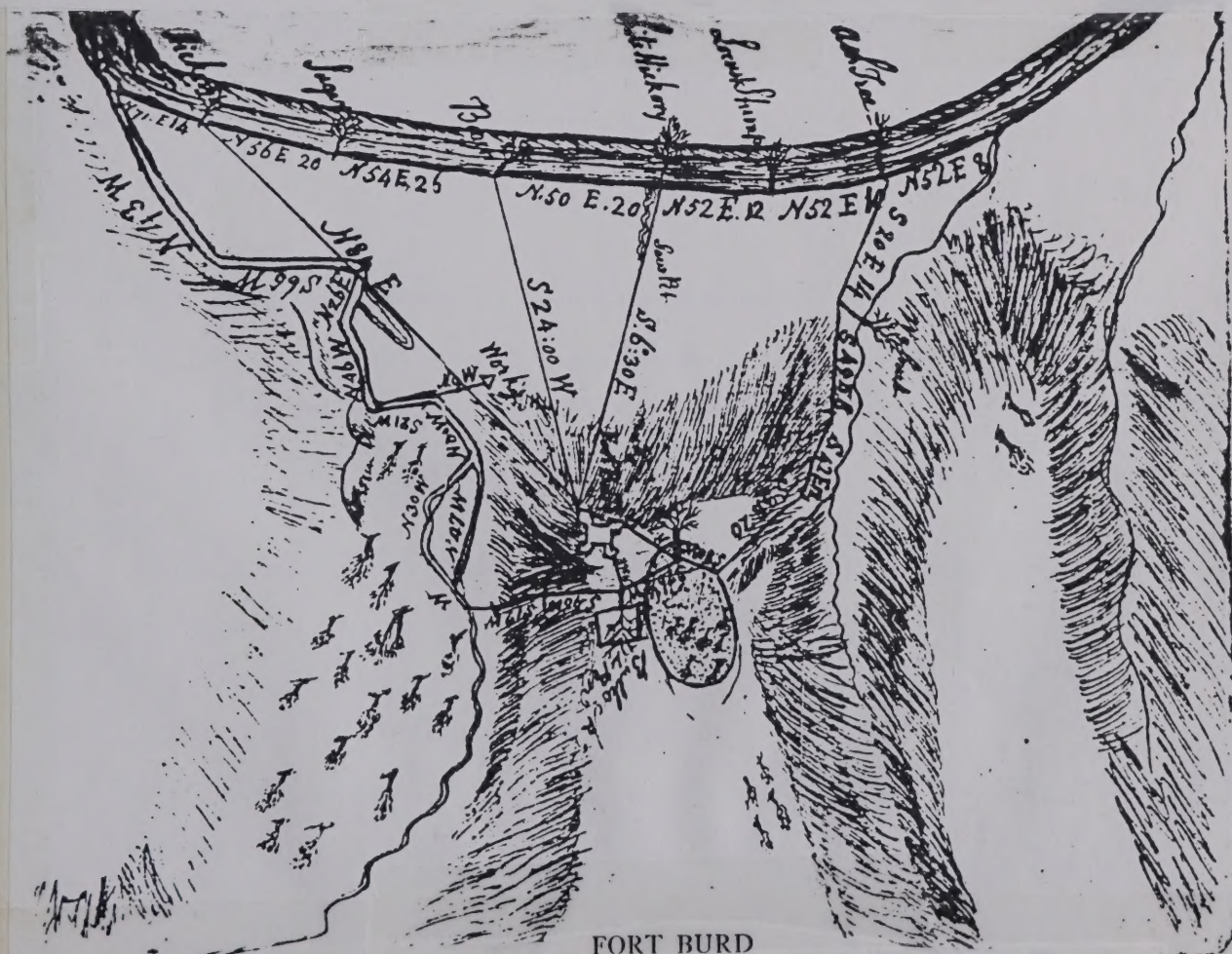
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from Pitsburg to Cumberland his Reinforcement will make that Garrison very strong I have desired Captⁿ Paris⁴ to send one Officer & twenty, or twenty five men, down the Pottomack to try if some of these fellows could not be [Catch][†] taken lurking about these Remote places

I shall take particular notice of this road in order that I may be able to render you a just Account of it on which you may Rely; what I have gon over I think may be made a tollerable road with a little pains, but I can't say what Inconveniency may Arrise from the Number of Creeks, I imagine they must be often impassible they are very stormy but not large, there is fine food⁵ on this road & I think Cattle & horses must raither Improve than fall away if any care is taken of them that goes by this Communication so farr I have seen

I have had a Vyolent fever for some days past but I'm in hopes I [have gott][†] shall gett the better off it by the Assistance of Jesuits Bark⁶

I don't know wheither I mentioned to you in my last that the Virginia Pack horses [is the][†] are the best we have ever had in the service but the Horse Mast^r Complains very much of the badness of the saddles he says they will Ruin all their backs which will be a very great pity

I shall do my self the pleasure to write you as I have opportunity & am most respectfully

Dear sir

Your most obed^t servant

JAMES BURD

Col: Shippen⁷ desires his kind Compliments to you

Since writing the above I have Rece^d A letter⁸ from Cap^t Paris from Fort Cumberland acquainting me that he is in great distress for want of meat for his Garrison I gott 4 bullocks that had been lost from the drove that went up to Pitsburg & I sent Captⁿ Paris 3 of them the 4th being killed

This goes to Cumberland by Lieut^t West⁹ on his March from Pitsburg Col. Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Col Burd the 5th Sept^r at 10 M. from Cumberland.

[*Addressed*] On His Majesties service To Col: Bouquet at Fort Bedford

⁴ Capt. Richard Pearis (often misspelled Paris) (d. 1794), an Indian trader who had raised a company in the Virginia Regt. in 1757, accepted a Maryland commission in 1758 when commanding garrison troops at Fort Cumberland, and was commissioned captain, May 3, 1759, in the 3rd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt. *Ibid.*, 296. For Pearis see *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, XVIII (1917), 97-99; XXII (1921), 122.

⁵ Appears as "wood" in the unsigned draft, H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 133.

⁶ Also known as Peruvian bark. In the U. S., this is known as marsh elder and is used to treat malaria and other fevers.

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✓ PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 369, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, September 7, 1759]

Sir

Last Night I Rec^d a letter from Coll. Burd¹ wherein he mentions 17 Men being deserted from him since He left this & desires that I would send 20 or 25 Men with L^t West² to Scour the woods about Potomack in order to find them if Possible I have offer'd the men to M^r West but he says it is to no purpose to go out without he goes to Susquehannah or perhaps over, therefore I think Proppor not to let the Men go so far without your Orders thereon I have therefore sent M^r West to You in order to Receive Your instructions I have just now heard from Coll. Mercer³ he is Expected as far as Crissops⁴ this Night I have just now sent an Officer & 20 Men to Clear the Roads as far as Ashby's Fort,⁵ have also sent another Party clearing the Road to Crissops meddow they are in great want of Axes. I hear of no Provision comeing from Virginia

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t and Humble Serv^t
RICH^d PEARIS.

Coll: Henry Bouquett Fort Cumberland Sept^r 7th 1759

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Cap^t Pearis. 6^r 7^{br}

¹ Col. James Burd. Letter not found.

² Lieut. Samuel West. See his letter to Bouquet, Sept 29, 1759.

³ Lieut. Col. George Mercer.

⁴ Col. Thomas Cresap's, present site of Oldtown, Maryland.

⁵ Fort Ashby, W. Va., located about 5 miles south of the Potomac River, on Patterson Creek.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO WOODWARD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 168, C.]*

Fort Bedford Septem^r 10th 1759.

Sir

In Answer to a Letter¹ of this Day's Date to Colonel Bouquet, I am desired to inform you that M^r Rutherford being acquainted with the Searcity of Provisions at Fort Cumberl^d will immidiately Supply that Garrison. it is Pity he was not informed of your Stock some time before it was so low.

I am Surpriz'd you could not get a Horse to Send with the Express, two went from hence, to be Stationed at Fort Cumberland for that purpose.

The two Hundred Pack Horses carrying from Winchester to Your Garrison are to be disposed of in the following manner.

The first 100, loaded with Forrage, are to proceed to Pittsburgh, under Escort of an Officer & twenty Men of your Garrison (none of them to be of Col^l Burd's Battaalion) Pennsylvanians)

The Second 100 partly loaded with Forrage & partly Flour, to go to Redstone Creek Escorted by Captⁿ Pearis & his Company

The Bullocks also coming from Winchester to be forwaded to Pittsburgh and Escorted by an Officer & 25 Men.

And as Lieu^t Jones² of the 2^d Batt. Pennsylvania, is to join his Corps at Red Stone Creek, with his Party of 25 Men, you will Order him with the next Convoy that goes that Road, after Captⁿ Pearis.

In general you are to furnish Small Escorts to any Considerable Convoy going either to Pittsburgh or Redstone Creek, in Case they apply for it, or you Judge it necessary

Any Application from Liut^t Col^l George Mercer, for Men to Escort Convoys, or any Duty relating to the Service, is to be Complied wth

When the Pack Horses return from Pittsburgh or Red Stone Creek, They are to be put into Pasture to recruit, and allowed a reasonable time to get Strength, and in that time the Saddles, Baggs, &c are to be refitted, the Horses Shod and every thing prepared for their next Trips.

And their loads to be either flour or forrage, every Bag to be weighed, and not to exceed 150, or 160, according to the strength of the Horses, who are for the rest of the Campaign, to Carry to Red Stone Creek only.

And in Case you should be relieved, this is to be delivered to the Commanding Officer that Succeeds you, for his Instruction.

[no signature]

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BURD TO STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 424, A. L. S.]*

Camp at the Mouth of Nemocallings¹ Creek on the Monongehela,
one Mile above the Mouth of Redstone Creek

Sir

30th September 1759

I have cut the Road from Guests² & came to this Ground the 23^d Curr^t
I would have wrote your Excellency ere now but have been hourly ex-
pecting the arrivall of a Battoe from Pittsburg

I think this Will be a very fine Post,³ it is Situated upon a Hill in the
fork of the River, & Creek, Commands both, & is not Commanded by
anything, the Hill is about fifty yards from the River & joins the Creek.
I have kep't the People Constantly employed on the works since my
Arrivall Altho we have been for eight days past upon the Allowance of
one pound of Beaff and half a pound of flour p man a day and this day
we begin upon a pound of Beaff not having one ounce of flour left & only
three bullocks I am therefore obliged to give over working untill I Re-
ceive some supplys, I have expected Captⁿ Paris with a Quantity of Pro-
visions some time, & know nothing of the Reason of the delay, I wrote
Six days ago upon this Subject and shall send an Express to Cumberland
this day

I shall measure the road from Guests heither & make you a return of
it, I Compute the distance 17 miles; Inclosed is a Return⁴ of the Troops
under my Command

I am with Esteem

Your Excellencys

Most Obed^t humble serv^t

JAMES BURD

His Excellency Gen^l Stanwix

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Col. Burd to Gen^l
Stanwix 30th Sept^r 1759

* A copy is in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 169.

¹ Nemacolin.

² Christopher Gist's plantation, located on Nemacolin's path, about half-way between present-day Uniontown and Connellsville, Pa. The town of North Braddock is on the plantation site.

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BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 425, A. L. S.]

Camp at the Monongehela 30th Septem^r 1759

Dear sir

I wrote you the 25th Curr^t since which I have not been favour'd with any from you

I am sorry to be under the Nesessity of inform^e you of my want of Provisions, the Troops here have been for eight days past, upon the allowance of One pound of Beaff and half a pound of flour, & this day we begin the allowance of One pound of Beaff, Only, not having one ounce of flour left, & but three Bullocks; I know nothing of any Supplys being on the road not having heard from Cumberland since the 14th Curr^t, I can't Conceive what is become of Captⁿ Paris,¹ I have this day wrote to ✓ Captⁿ Woodward² upon this subject

I have keep't the People Constantly upon the works Since my Arrivall, but now I am obliged to give over working, very much Contrary to my Inclination you will believe, but I hope I will soon Receive supplys; at present I have but five days at the allowance of One pound of Beaff

No Battoes Arrived here yet, I send to Pitsburg this day

I am most Respectfully

Dear Col:

Your most Obed^t serv^t

JAMES BURD

Col: Shippens³ Compliments

Col: Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Col. Burd to Col. Bouquet the 30th September, 1759

✓ ¹ Capt. Richard Pearis was supposed to escort 100 pack horses, loaded with forage and flour, from Cumberland to Redstone Creek. See Instructions to Woodward, Sept. 10, 1759.

² Letter not found.

³ Lieut. Col. Joseph Shippen.

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BURD: INSTRUCTIONS TO PEARIS

[H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 203, A. Df.]*

Camp at Monongahela 29th Oct^r 1759

Sir

As I intend to leave you with those of your Comp^y that are here to Garrison Fort Burd, and the Great Crossings of the Youghyogany; You are to detatch One Serj^t & ten Men to Garrison the Block house & Storehouse at the Crossing, Give the Serj^t a particular Charge of the Flatt and what Stores may be left there & C^a with the Remainder of your [Garrison] Comp^y You'l Garrison Fort Burd & you'l please receive into the King's Stores all Provision, Forrage & C that may be sent giving proper Certificates for the same & inform the General or Col^o Bouquet thereof that they may [be] order up Batteaus to carry the Stores to Pitsburg.

You'l please to keep a Book in which you'l make regular Entrys of all the Stores you receive & what you send to Pitsburg sending allways Invoices with all you send from hence. And you'l please observe that you must raise three Acc^{ts} in your Book viz^t One for M^r Adam Hoops, one for Lieut Col^o Geo: Mercer and one for M^r [Adam Ho] William Ramsay & in the Invoices y^o send to Pitsburg you'l mention of whom the different Articles are received.

You will proceed from hence to the Great Crossings this Morning & from thence you will take with y^o Ensign Duffield¹ with as many Men as can be spared from the Work there conveniently and goe to the little Crossing at Youghyogany and endeavour to find the best place there for building a strong Bridge with his Party and give him the necessary Instructions there anent; The Leggs must be well pin'd down upon the Peers with dry Locust Pinns and covered with good Fascines & Earth.

You'l please desire M^r Duffield to keep a regular Acc^{tt} of the Men that work at both Places & I will gett them paid at Pittsburg & acquaint him that I will send a Waggon with Rum for the Men that work in the Water at the Bridge & all the Tools that he will want in a few Days.

As soon as M^r Duffield has finish'd the Bridge & the Houses & Flatt at the Great Crossings he is to march immediatly to Pitsburg with all the Soldiers of the Sec^d Battⁿ The Ship Carpenters & Sawyers & to carry wth him in the Waggon all the Tools leaving only at the Great Crossing with the Serjeant two falling axes.

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PEARIS FAMILY

I must begg that you will superintend all New Works & contribute as much as y^o can to have them soon finish'd and well; Shall allways be glad to hear from you & I am with Esteem Sir

Your most h^{be} Servant
[no signature]

[Endorsed] Coppy

Instruction to Cap^t Rich^d Pearis 29th Oct^r 1759

✓ [Addressed] To Cap^t Rich^d Pearis

BOUQUET TO PEARIS ✓

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 200, C.]*

Fort Cumberland, 27th Nov^r 1759

Sir

✓ You are to march to morrow Morning with Your Company to the Bridge now making over The little Crossing of The Youghyogeny with four days Provision for your Party, Cutting and clearing away all The Trees & other incumberances that you may find on the Road from hence to that place and Cut a New Road round such places as the Waggons can't pass. You will find A Tree with Three Noches upon it about A quarter of a Mile on this side the little Crossing from which Tree you will open a New Road to the Bridge along the Valley, and from the other side of the Bridge you will cut as good a Road as you can into The Present one,

At the present Crossing you'l find a Bridge out of Repair you'l cutt new Loggs and make it Sufficient.

You are to Join Ensign Duffields¹ Party and work upon the Bridge until it is quite Compleated, after which you are to march your whole Detachment to Fort Bedford and there wait for further Orders. when you have finished the Bridge you will find at the Great Crossing the Sillards² all the Tools and what Provisions, &^{ca} you have not occasion for and take The Sergiants Receipt for the same. You take with you three Bullocks, and you'l send to the great Crossing for what flour you may want for your Detachment, and you will give each Man of your Detachment one Jill of Rum p^r day and keep a Regular Accompt of those that work & send it to Col^o James Burd who will pay them. you are to pin down every Logg upon the Bridge (but you need) not) Cover them with Fasheens³ & Earth are formerly directed

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PEARIS FAMILY

Copy. To Captⁿ Richard Paris

I am Sir y^r most Hmble Serv^t

[no signature]

[Endorsed] Copy of Instructions by Col: Bouquet to Captⁿ Rich^d Parris
Cumberland Fort 27th Nov^r 1759.

* Original not found.

¹ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, commissioned May 5, 1759, in Capt. Andrew McDowell's Co., New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 296.

² Steelyard: a type of balance.

³ Fascine: a bundle of sticks used for filling ditches or building parapets.

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 509, A. L. S.]

Fort Cumberland Dec^r 12th 1759

Sir

Agreeable to Your orders¹ I have finished the Bridge Clear'd & Cut the Road on both sides thirty feet wide I did not cut the road¹ the way you mark'd as I found Washington's road² much the best & measured both the old & New roads and find the New to be nigher than the old by fifteen chains³ I have also renewed & made good every Bridge between the little Crossings and this Place, Cut round all Places where Waggons could not easily pass, have measured the road from the Bridge to this Place & markd it & find the distance to 23 1/8 Miles I was oblidge'd to get more Liquor for the Men as M^r Duffield⁴ deliver'd me but three Gallons. I have sent all the Tools to the Great Crossings but 12 Axes one Spade one Shovel & one Grubbing hoe which I have deliverd at Cumberland with the Horses & Guns &.

I have Inlisted Ten or Twelve Men & expect a great many more, should be glad you would be Pleased to order an officer to Receive them from me at Carlisle as my Bussiness requiers me to return from there if discharged at that Place

I am Sir Your most obed^t Hum Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS Cap^{tn}

3^d B. P. R^t

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Cap^t Pearis 12th Dec^r

¹ See Bouquet to Pearis, Nov. 27, 1759.

² The road taken by Washington in 1754.

³ 330 yards. One chain equals 22 yards.

⁴ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt.

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19 DECEMBER 1759

PEARIS AND DUFFIELD:
STATEMENT AGAINST LIVINGSTON

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 513, C.]*

COPY¹

[Fort Cumberland, December 19, 1759]

This is to Certifie That we the Subscribers were present and heard Major Livingston Tell M^r Rich^d Graham that he the Said Graham was very much to blame for bring back Macraes² Horses, And that Said Graham might depend on Suffering for it to which Said Graham Answer'd that he tho't it was agreeable to all the Gentlemen here at the time as they were all present when the thing was propos'd on which we the subscribers heard Maj^r Livingston reply that it was not agreeable to him, and further added that he would not Suffer another Horse that was coming up the Road, to be impress'd to Carry Salt let the consequence be what it would, And he the Said Livingston further Said that Col^o Bouquet would not take nor Suffer to be taken the Horses that were coming up for that Service, with many oth^r things to the same purpose Still blameing Said Graham to the highest degree for offering to proceed in that Manner

As witness our hands this 19th Day of Decem^r 1759 Fort Cumberland & Sign'd

RICH^d PEARIS Capt^t
3^d B. P. Reg^t
RATCHFORD DUFFIELD
En^s 2 B. P. Reg^t

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Certificate of M^r Graham against
M^r Livingston Fort Major at Cumberland

* Original not found.

¹ Enclosed in Graham's letter to Bouquet, Dec. 23, 1759.

² Not otherwise identified. Possibly misspelling of the surname of Edward McGeary, horse master.

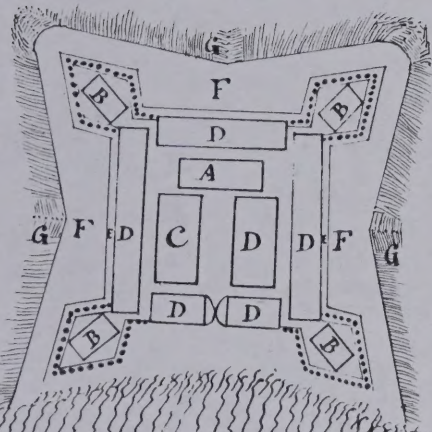
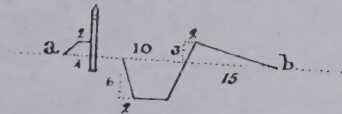
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Explanation of Letters

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- F The Ditch 10 Feet wide not finished
- G The 4 Faces 15 Feet Broad
- A. B. The Figures in the Profile are the Dimensions in Feet

Profile



Monongahela River

MERCER'S FORT AT PITTSBURGH IN JANUARY, 1759

The first British fortification at the Forks of the Ohio following the destruction of Fort Duquesne; this structure would be replaced by Fort Pitt.

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until you are stronger. Under the present circumstances your absence will not delay the service, and we can execute your orders as if you were on the spot.

It is a difficult and long task to build the road. I reconnoitered it yesterday as far as the Shawnee Cabins, and will go tomorrow to the summit of the Allegheny to judge the difficulties which the artillery will have at this gap.

The rains have delayed them a little, but tomorrow or Sunday the wagons can go to Edmund's Swamp. The parties have cut in four different places, eight miles apart from each other, which advances the work rapidly. I have sent two hundred men of the regular troops to Kickeny Pawlins, to protect the front of our workmen, and Armstrong's battalion has gone out to reinforce them.

The enemy has discovered us, as one of their parties took a prisoner² Saturday near the Shawnee Cabins, who escaped after being with them for two days. He said that the six Indians who captured him spoke English as well as he could, which makes me fear that they are some of our friends the Delawares. They went along about 150 paces from our workmen, and asked him several pertinent questions about the artillery. When he did not give a correct answer, they told him that he lied, that we had only so many cannon. The rascals have doubtless been following the convoy for several days.

It is time to establish a post at Loyal Hannon, and to start a warehouse there. I have sent Rhor there to try to locate a position which is not commanded, and to reconnoiter a gap which should be north of the path which crosses Laurel Hill, and by which we might be able to avoid that bad descent. I am much at a loss to know whom to send to command at this new post. If the governor had given knowledge and experience to his colonels with their commissions, we should not lack for a choice, but they serve only as obstacles by keeping the command from those who would be proper for it.

I have conveyed your orders³ to Colonel Washington to push on his route with large parties, taking turns, and trying to reconnoiter the place where the junction could be made.

A guide⁴ went with an officer⁵ from Loyal Hannon to the Salt Lick on Braddock's Road, and he reports that the two roads are sixteen miles apart, across open woods where, without cutting a road, pack horses could go without difficulty.

The four Delawares⁶ have arrived with Dunlap and Burk. Amba is ill with the flux. I suggested to him and Tedyuskung's son⁷ that they go among the Delawares settled at Beaver Creek, when he should have recovered. He absolutely refused to undertake this errand, which does not

seem to me a good omen. He said that on returning to Wyoming he might persuade several young Delawares to join us, and since I cannot do otherwise, I shall let him go with some presents, and promises.

The Catawbias have not yet arrived at Cumberland. We are in need of two essential articles, vermilion and blankets. There isn't a single one in camp, and the nights begin to be cold.

Major Armstrong⁸ has left with Calender and a detachment of 100 men to go reconnoitering. If this party does not bring us news, we shall never have any. The 35 Maryland volunteers went with them, and I gave Calender the task of sending Burk to join the Delawares. This Burk has a reputation as an infamous rogue, but he cannot injure us much if he does betray us.

Captain Paris⁹ is also in the field with a dozen volunteers; we have several other parties out, which will not be long in returning.

I am going to establish a provisions depot at Kickeny P[awlins], and if I do not receive contrary orders, I shall have a post established at Loyalhanna, as soon as the road is open for wagons to Kickeny Pawlins. The first division of the artillery with part of the munitions could advance between the two mountains, to march out as soon as they can get through.

While the sixteen miles to the new post¹⁰ are being cut, the troops who will be there will begin the entrenchments and the storehouses for the provisions.

The garrison for Cumberland and this whole communication might be composed of detachments from the entire army. As to the other arrangements, I shall think about them until your arrival. Mr. Sinclair¹¹ has relieved me of all the petty details, and I shall have more time for other things. I have strange characters to conciliate. I trust that they will not cause you any of the unpleasantness I have had to experience. Mr. Glen is a little indisposed. We had a two hours' walk, so he isn't very sick. He sends you his compliments, and flatters himself that he will see you arrive any day now, and that it is no longer worthwhile to write to you.

We haven't a sou, and if Mr. Barrow does not join us quickly, we shall no longer be able to pay anyone.

We have received 89 cattle, and 200 are on the road. The pack horses are going very well, and are of the greatest service in transporting provisions before the road is opened.

I thought that one of the easiest and least expensive ways of feeding the army in the fall and during the winter would be to send a thousand head of cattle to the other side of the mountains next month, besides the usual provisions, and to smoke the meat in large chambers constructed for that purpose. I beg you to consider this suggestion.

His Intentions and repeated orders to me are to establish and preserve a good harmony wth the Provincial Troops, and you may be Sure that he will find this measure & you both precipitate and unseasonable.

If you think proper to have him informed of it I think you Should State the Case to him y^r Self.

.....news.....

I refer mySelf to my Letter⁴ of yesterday concerning the Road, which is to be pushed wth the utmost activity: The two Parallel Path may be postponed, untill the main Road is opened.

Salt And Oats have been sent up.

I am

Sir

[no signature]

¹ St. Clair to Bouquet, August 27, which see.

² Symbol.

³ Stephen to Bouquet, August 26, which see.

⁴ Bouquet to St. Clair, August 27, which see.

BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21643, f. 192, A. L. S.]

Camp at Quemahony 28th August 1758 8 A: M

Dear sir,

I arrived here last night with the Artillery¹ &^{ca} And I am sorry to see matters here in such state as Cannot Conduce to the good of the service. S^r John S^t Clair & Coll: Stephens has no doubt inform'd you of their Affairs & disputes, something of the same Nature had like to have happen'd to me, but I have Carefully avoided every thing that should have the least tendency to Retard the service, S^r John & I form Different Camps & I Command in my own to prevent disputes.

I have Rece^d no pack horses of the 1st Batt: & there is only Seven live Bullocks here & S^r John informs me that it is Impracticable to Carry Provisions (unless flour) over the Mountain, and likewise unless I give him a large party it will be Impossible for him to open the road in any tollerable time, the road being cut [only][†] only three miles beyond this place; upon S^r John's remonstrances I have Consulted with Major Grant & have Concluded thus to march from hence my self to Lawel Haining with 4 Companys of the Royal Americans & 5 Co^s of the Highlanders [4 of the Virginia Reg^t & 16 from your Batt.][†] & to leave the Remainder

[†] Stricken out.

with S^r John to Cutt over the Mountain which he says with this Body, he will Effect in three or four days at most but I shall endeavour to Carry with me by some means or other Six days Provisions for the party I advance with & tools

I Halt here to day with the Artillery And the party I intend to Advance with, all the rest of the Troops are march'd forward this Morning to open the Road

S^r John has ordered the troops forward to this place from Coll: Armstrongs, Coll: Hamilton's & Major Jamison² leaving Sixty men at each of these posts, which will make One Hundred men here & one hundred more I shall leave to Cover the Artillery untill they can be Transported to Lawel Haining

Captⁿ Parris³ is just arrived here who informs me that he had been in sight of Fort Du Quesne but found it Impracticable to take a Prisoner & that Major Armstrong is upon his return, neither of these partys has brought any further Intelligence than that they saw the Fort & the Sixty Tents, the troops they Judge to be but a small Number, they say they heard a great deal of Noise over the River Ohio which seem'd to be falling of Trees, perhaps the Body of the French may be on that side of The River Fortifying there

We are very much in want of Bullocks if some could be sent forward soon it would be well

I shall do all in my Power to forward the service but find Difficultys in my way that Could not possibly Occurr to you However I shall go on with all possible Dispatch & if my proceedings gives you Satisfaction I shall be very happy being with great Regard

Dear sir

Your affectionate freind & most obed^t Serv^t

JAMES BURD

Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Burd 28th Aug

[Addressed] On His Majesties Service To Coll: Bouquet at Raystown

¹ Second Division of the Pennsylvania Royal Artillery.

² See Armstrong to Bouquet, August 28.

³ Capt. Richard Pearis was scouting with party of Indians, toward Fort Duquesne.

Kissety the Indian is at Fort Augusta,² & coming up with a party to Reastown, that fellows fidelity will be rewarded.

The Captain Provost³ I suppose has been a little pressing with you, to know what is to be done for him. The General promises that he shall not be forgott but punctually for his services last Campaign. We proceed this day to Stoney Creek, where M^r Basset is stopt till the generals arrival. I am Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble serv^t

FRANCIS HALKETT

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Major Halkett 28th Dec^r 1758

* Printed in James, *Writings of General John Forbes*, 271.

¹ Tomahawk Camp was about one mile west of present Jennertown.

² Fort Augusta, now Sunbury, Penna.

³ Not identified. This may refer to a staff officer.

HALKETT TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21640, f. 203, A. L. S.]*

Camp at the foot of the East side of the Alleganey

29th December 1758

Dear Sir

We have now thank God, surmounted the two great obstakles, and hope in like manner will do all other difculties, a small supply of Forrage haveing come this night for the Waggon horses, & the General in tollerable spirits.

The inclos'd letter¹ was met upon the Road this day, and as the General saw it was upon His Majestys service, and from Colonel Armstrong he open'd it, when he was extreamly surpris'd to find that all the Regular Troops were march'd from Reas town so contrary to his inclination, but this mistake he will Remidy as soon as in his power, by sending orders expres for the [three hundred][†] Highlanders to Return, and march immediately up the Country, which opportunity he will make use of, to send likewise, all the Carrying Horses that can be got, loaded. The steps taken by Colonel Armstrong, are very different from what the General and you settl'd at Fort Ligonier, but it will all be put to Rights upon the Generals geting down to Fort Bedford, when he will write you what he has done.

The General is inform'd from Captain Paris,² that the Marylanders are deserting in great numbers from F^r Cumberland, and at the same time acquaints him, that their Assembly has made no provision for

[†] Strickland.

their mantainance, but this he can say nothing to, as he has not heard from Governor Sharp for this Month past, tho it is very contrary to what he then inform'd him and which you may easily imagine, occasions great surprise. I am

Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Serv^t

FRANCIS HALKETT

M^r Sinclair³ got to Reas town yesterday and immediately Colonel Armstrong sent off orders to stop the Highlanders, the first division had past Littleton and the second to Juniata.

By a letter⁴ from Hoops the following Provisions at Lancaster, Carlisle, Fort Loudoun, & Fort Littleton, is ready to be sent up whenever their are Carriages or Horses provided

1075 B. rrls }
38 Baggas } Flour

40,000^{lb} Bulk }

182 Barrils of Pork

4 Barrils of Beef

25,000 Pounds of Beef at Carlisle

18 Barrils of Rice

Hoggs upon the Road from Winchester to the amount of 50.000^{lb}.

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Major Halkett 29th Dec^r

[*Addressed*] on His Majestys Service To Colonel Bouquet Fort Ligonier

* Printed in James, *Writings of General John Forbes*, 271-273.

¹ This probably refers to Armstrong's letter to Bouquet, December 27, which see.

² Capt. Richard Pearis.

³ Capt. James Sinclair.

⁴ Not found.

HALKETT TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21640, f. 205, A. L. S.]*

100 Pensylvanians of this Garrison are to march the day after to morrow for Fort Ligonier.

Fort Bedford 31st December 1758

Dear Sir

The General was extreamly well pleasd to learn by your letter¹ which I was favourd with last night by the return Express, that the Troops at Fort Ligonier are all put under cover.

Two hundred Highlanders, and fifty of the Royal Americans, with a proper proportion of Officers, are order'd to march back immediately to

SEPTEMBER, 1758

- 1 Colonel Bouquet orders one thousand men to entrench post beyond Loyalhanna.
- 3 Colonel James Burd arrives at Loyalhanna with 2500 men to start entrenchments at Loyalhanna and advance post.
- ✓ 4 Colonel Dagworthy marches with three hundred men to cover Colonel Bouquet's advance from Raystown to Loyalhanna.
- 5 Colonel Bouquet and troops march from Raystown, enroute to Loyalhanna.
- 6 General Forbes and escort arrive at Fort Loudoun.
- 9 General Forbes writes to Governor Denny, threatening to turn Sir John St. Clair loose on the province unless Assembly acts to provide wagons.
- ✓ Major Grant marches from Loyalhanna with large detachment, to reconnoiter Fort Duquesne.
- 10 Sir John St. Clair and Lieutenant Ourry enroute to Philadelphia to apply to Pennsylvania Assembly for wagons.
Colonel Bouquet visits advance post, beyond Chestnut Ridge.
- 13 Wagon brigade leaves Raystown for Loyalhanna, with supplies.
- ✓ 14 Defeat of Major Grant's detachment at Fort Duquesne.
- 15 Convoy leaves Raystown for Loyalhanna, with supplies.
General Forbes and escort arrive at Raystown.
- 16 Colonel Washington at Raystown to confer with General Forbes.
News of capture of Fort Frontenac on August 27, by Colonel Bradstreet.
- 19 Ensign Blane and escort proceed to Fort Duquesne with letter from Colonel Bouquet to De Lignery.
- 20 114 horses enroute from Raystown to Loyalhanna with flour.
- 23 Two convoys leave Raystown with supplies for Loyalhanna.
- 24 Ensign Blane and escort return from Fort Duquesne with letter from De Lignery, and list of prisoners.
- 28 Colonel Lloyd and detachment of four hundred men start cutting road from Loyalhanna to advance post beyond Chestnut Ridge.
Pennsylvania Assembly passes law to regulate hiring of wagons for army.

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from any attacks the Enemy may make.

I am with the greatest Truth and Regard

Dear Sir

Your most Humble and most Obedient Servant

JEFF: AMHERST

¹ A copy of which is in the Amherst Papers, P.R.O., W.O. 34/44, f. 236.

² Capt. Hervey Smyth, commissioned Nov. 8, 1756, in the 15th Regiment.

³ Lieut. George Garth, commissioned Jan. 4, 1758; promoted to captain-lieutenant, March 17, 1759.

PEARIS TO [FORBES]

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 19a, C. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 9, 1759]

Sir/

I think it my Duty to let you know that I never had the Complement of Men at this Fort agreeable to your Orders. the most I could get here was Ninety Rank and File, and out of them you'll see by the Return¹ how Many is Deserted since my last. Notwithstanding all I can do with them and have Done, without Money verry soon to Pay them I don't expect there will be in a Short time any Body to Garrison this Fort but Officers, we have given them Shoes and other things but all wont do.

Sir I just beg leave to Mention Altho it was your Pleasure to Order me to this Post so that I cant have the Honour of Waiting on you without its your Pleasure. Altho' Absent have grate reason to think that you'll not forget my Past service in the late Campaign and if you are Pleas'd to think me worthy of your Favour am in hopes you'll Recommend or Reward me Accordingly.

I am Sir

your most Obedient Humble Servant

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cumberland January 9th 1759

¹ Not found.

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SINCLAIR TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21639, f. 70, A. L. S.]

Carlile the 9th January 1759.

Sir.

I arrived here the 3^d Ins^t and immediately entered upon such Steps, as I thought would most effectually procure the Supply of provisions that is wanted for the Troops up the Country. I have sent Advertisements to the South Branch of Pottomack, Winchester District, Fredrick C^o in Maryland, York & Lancaster Counties, offering four pounds Pensylvania Currency for a hundred Weight of flower delivered at Pittsburg, which is to be payable in the different C^{os} from whence the flower is brought by people of weight, that are known in the Country, whom I have appointed for that purpose, and wrote a Letter to each of them in the strongest Terms I could, to engage them to use their utmost Interest and diligence, in forwarding this Service. A certificate from the Commanding Officer or Commissary at Pittsburg, is to entitle such as carry flower or Indian Meal (which is confined to the S^o Branch only) to immediate payment, without which, I aprehended things wou'd go on very slowly, as we are already so deep in the Country's debt. I mentioned Pittsburg only in the Advertisements, lest if any of the nearer Posts had been mentioned, they would have run upon them and it is always in our power to stop what is wanted, and make an Allowance according to the distance. I likewise limited the Advertisements to six Weeks from the time of the date, that such people as had a mind to carry flower upon their own Acco^t might engage without delay. Upon a Calculation of the Expençe of transporting Provision to Pittsburg cou'd the Country be engaged to carry it at four pds Pensylvania Currency p C. W. it appears there would then be a saving to the Crown of £1122,, 16,, o. Cur^r upon the transport of Eighty thousand w^t of Flower, making no allowance for the death of Horses.

I have sent off Captain Calender¹ to Frederick County in Maryland, and those parts of the Country that have been least drained, with Instructions to raise with all Expedition, as many Horses as he possibly can. I have likewise sent to Conegoee.² Captain McFearson³ arrived here the Night before last, with a hundred good stoute Horses from Lancaster C^o. I have formed two Brigades of sixty each, and shall send one of 'em off to morrow with Oats to Rays Town, and the other likewise w^t Oats the day following, in order that they may not interfere, but have a days start of each other upon the road, which I think will be attended with Less confusion than if both went together. I shall follow your di-

ACCOUNT OF PAY DUE MARYLAND SOLDIERS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21658, f. 1, D.]

[January 1, 1759]

An Account of pay due the Soldiers late in the Maryland Service, and now Inlisted at Fort: Cumberland in the first Battalion of the Royal American Regiment¹ the Serjeant^a pay being £2:5^p Month Corporals £1., 15: 0^p Month privas^a £1., 2:

Men's Names ^a	Companies	When Inlisted	When paid to	What Money Received	What Due
Joseph Jones	Coll. Dagworthy ^a	30 th May 1757	30 th May 1758 by C ⁿ paris ^a	£0., 10., 0	£11: 15: 0
William Rayner	D ^o	30 th May 1757	30 th May by C. paris	0., 5., 0	7., 12., 6
John Hodges	D ^o	Decemb ^r 1754	8 th June 1758	0., 5., 0	6., 15., 0
John Ragon	D ^o	28 th Janu ^r 1755	8 th June 1758	0., 5., 0	10., 5., 0
Balsar Carns	D ^o	1756	8 th April 1758	0., 5., 0	8., 8., 3
William Campbell	D ^o	March 1755	8 th Novem ^r 1757	2., 0., 5	13., 2., 3
John Summersfield	D ^o	1 st Janu ^r 1757	13 th April 1758	2., 10., 0	9., 14., 3
James Graves	D ^o	7 th Novem ^r 1756	8 th Novem ^r 1757	0., 10., 0	12., 17., 3
Moses Trimble	C ⁿ Jos: Beall's ^a	July 1756	8 th June 1758	0., 10., 0	6., 15., 0
Charles Turney	Coll. Dagworthy	1 st June 1757	30 th May 1758 by C. paris ^a	0., 5., 0	7., 7., 6
Nathaneil Stillwell	Cap ⁿ Alex ^r Beall's ^a	15 th May 1756	18. Feb ^r 1758	0., 10., 0	11., 11., 3
Edward Hawkins	Ca: Alex ^r Beall	June 1756	8 th Sept ^r 1757	0., 10., 0	17., 3., 3
Patrick Finley	Coll. Dagworthy	14 th Decem ^r 1756	14 th Decem ^r 1757	0., 5., 0	13., 18., 6
John Thompson	Coll. Dagworthy	1 st Janu ^r 1755	8 th June 1758	0., 5., 0	6., 15., 0
James Nowell	Coll. Dagworthy	June 1755	8 th June 1758	Received £2: the rest being Stop'd by Coll	10., 7., 3
George M ^r Kee	Coll. Dagworthy	25 th March 1757		Dagworthy because he Butcher'd for the Garrison	21., 17., 0

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Accounts of Pay and Cloathing due to the Maryland soldiers inlisted in the Royal americans at the 1st Jan^{ry} 1759

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¹ The 60th or Royal American Regiment of foot on the British Army Establishment. Designated the 62nd until Aug., 1756, when the regiments were renumbered.

² The following names, with variant spellings, appear on the Muster Roll of a Maryland company of Foot commanded by [Lieutenant] Colonel John Dagworthy, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26. 1759, which covers Nov. 9, 1758, to April 26, 1759. All of these men, with others, deserted on April 16, 1759. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26. Contrary to the wishes of Maryland's Assembly, Dagworthy had led a company of 100 men from Braddock's retreating army to occupy Fort Cumberland on an emergency basis. There was no money to pay them. See draft statement of Bouquet to Maryland troops, Jan. 22.

³ Lieut. Col. John Dagworthy had received a royal commission as captain in 1746; in the French and Indian War he received a provincial commission as lieutenant colonel in the Maryland forces. For the long argument over the powers he retained from the royal commission consult Douglas Southall Freeman, John Alexander Carroll, and Mary Wells Ashworth, *George Washington*, 7 vols. (New York, 1948-1957), II *passim*.

⁴ Capts. Joshua and Alexander Beall, Beal, or Bealle, had commanded Maryland companies for several years.

⁵ Capt. Richard Pearis, or Paris, Maryland forces in 1757 and 1758; commissioned in Pennsylvania Regiment, May 3, 1759. BP II, 173n.

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OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 33, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Jan^y ye 2^d 1759

Dear Coll

Yesterday at Noon Gen^l Forbes set out from hence in pretty good health & Spirits.

He escap'd me whilst I was employ'd about some Business that could not be put off. But I rode after him, having some necessary Questions to ask. When I overtook him, he was reading, in his Litter, some Letters¹ he had just receiv'd from the Gov^r of [Phila]† Pensilvania, which he told me were very agreeable to him, and desired me to inform you that he found his Demands on the Province were much the Same as General Amherst's, and that M^r Denny had convoked the Assembly, which was then deliberating on the Means for furnishing & Supporting the Number of Troops required. And that he expected as much from Virginia; both Provinces having taken very warmly the Success against F. D. Q.²

Gov. Sharp³ is to meet the Gen^l at Carlisle Maj^r Campbell⁴ is halted at Loudoun where he is to form a Detachment to march back to this Place—and in case that Detachm^t not meet your Orders here it is to proceed directly to F^t Ligonier

¹ Stricken out.

COURT OF INQUIRY CONCERNING WILLIAM DARLING

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 54, f. 2, D. S.]†

At a Court of Inquiry held by Order of Col^l Bouquet, at Fort Bedford.Jan^y ye 20, 1759.

President

Captⁿ OurryLieut^t Hubbard¹

Members

Lieut^t Gorril²

Was examined William Darling, confin'd by Captⁿ. Pearis, on Suspicion of embezzling two of His Majesty's Horses.

Captⁿ Pearis informs the Court, that one Varnell (who had accompni'd the Prisoner from Fort Cumberland home) had inform'd him Cap^t Pearis that the Prisoner had bragg'd to him of the fine Hawl he had made in his Trip to F^t Cumberland having, as he said, got a Mare worth ten Pounds & a Horse worth about five. And that the said Darling in coming back brought the Mare part of the Way, in order to dispose of her, but would not bring her so far as Cumberland, lest she should be own'd & taken from him. That upon this information he, Captⁿ Pearis, sent for the Prisoner, and tax'd him with carrying off the King's Horses. And as the Prisoner could not give a Satisfactory Account, for being in Possession of them Captⁿ Pearis order'd him to be confin'd 'till he procur'd Bail for his appearing in eight Days, & producing the two Horses.

The Prisoner being ask'd, by the Court, what right he had to take the Mare out of the Fort says, that he claim'd her, as his Brother's Property, and on that Claim obtained Leave to take her away. being ask'd if he attempted to send her back, or acquaint the Commanding Officer at F^t Cumberland of his mistake, answers, not 'till he was sent for, which Captⁿ Pearis says, was more than three Weeks after taking her away

The Prisoner says also that he gave 25 Shillings for her to a Soldier of the 2^d Virginia Regim^t And as to the Horse, he says, he took his from *Jo: Goolding, & Dan^l McFall, out of Pitty, that he might not Suffer by hunger. The Prisoner informs the Court that Varnell had a parcell of Tires, &c: conceal'd under his Bed, which he believes belong to the King's Waggons at Fort Cumberland.

L^s OURRY* belonging to Capⁿ Rob^t McKenzie's Company 1^t Virginia Regm^tEndorsement³

January the 22^d The said Darling was releas'd from the Guard; being bail'd by John Cockendall, in a Bond of two hundred Pounds Sterling for his appearance at Hamshire Court⁴ the 17th of March next insuing

†Original is in the Haldimand Papers, B. M., Add. MSS. 21682. A transcription of the original is in the Public Archives of Canada, Haldimand Papers, Vol. B 22 [ff. 26-27], but it does not contain several sentences found in this Dalhousie document.

¹ Lieut. Edward Hubbard, Virginia forces.

² Lieut. James Gorrell, adjutant and lieutenant in Dagworthy's Maryland forces at Fort Cumberland.

³ The Public Archives of Canada transcription adds Capt. Richard Pearis' signature to the endorsement.

⁴ Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

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BOUQUET TO SINCLAIR

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 13, A. L. S.]*

The Answer dated Fort Bedford 21st Jan^y 1759

Sir

When you Know how to write, and to whom you write, I may answer your peremtory Summons:¹ Till then I must refer you, your Letter,² and your Justification, to the General, with whom at least, it may be expected that you will observe the decency of your Station.

I am

Sir

Your hble Servant

HENRY BOUQUET

To Lieut^t Sinclair

A. D. Q. M. G.

* A copy is in S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 86, f. 5.

¹ Sinclair to Bouquet, Jan. 17.² Bouquet enclosed a copy of Sinclair's letter in his to Forbes, Jan. 23.

Wednesday
17

Arrived from Carlisle McFarlane's¹³ Brigade of 48 Horses with Oats.
Return'd from Ligonier Warden with 21 Horses
Arrived from Ligonier Doc^r McLean.

Thursday
18

Bought 301 lb of Pork
Sent up McFarlanes with 62 Horses viz^t
30 with Flour
7 with Indian Goods
25 with Indian Corn
62
Sent down Warden with 22 return'd Horses and 5 Drivers

Friday
19

Received a Let^r from M^r Crawford¹⁴ at Stony Creek who wants 2 Howels,¹⁵ 1 Grind Stone, three more files — says the Canoe will be in the Creek next Monday
Sent him File by M^r Hunter¹⁶ the Suttler to whom I have Sent the six horses brought in by his Hunters, to Carry up his Goods, he is to return the Horses to the Commanding Off^r at Ligonier
Bespoke two Howels
Filled and Weighed Bags of Flour.

Saturday
20

March'd Capⁿ McKinsey's¹⁷ Party for Ligonier
Arrived Linzey¹⁸ with 58 Horses loaded with Oats
Changed 24 for Flour.
Sent him up with 47 in all, he having lost two on the Road, & left 11 here tired.
Came from F^t Cumberland Cap^t Pearis & Liut Gorril¹⁹
Presided²⁰ at a Court of Inquiry, on Darling the Waggoner, for embezzling 2 of the Kings Horses.
C^t Q^r lb
Bought 2 = 2 = 8 of Flour
Sent to Stoney Creek two Howels & 1 Grind Stone
Came up from Maryland [14] Hoggs.
Order'd them to be kill'd.

Sunday
21

C[ame in] 4 Waggon's Loaded with Corn from S^o B.
Sent a cow [to] Ligonier
C^t Q^r
Bought 6 „ 2 of Flour
1390 lb of Pork the above 14
Hogs
59½ Bush^l of Indⁿ Corn

Monday
22

Employ'd the S^o Branch Waggon's in hawling Wood for the Hospital.
Received 65 Bushells of Indian Corn
Received [. . .]† lb of Flour.
Deliver'd a Compleat Waggon with gears for six Horses for Samuel Stalmaker appraised at . . . 13 „ 14 „ 0
Sent to F^t Cumberland 10 Carcasses of Pork and a Q^r Cask of Wiskey by the return'd S^o Branch Waggon's
Gave a Cow to M^{rs} Hughes¹⁶ in lieu of one that was kill'd by the Troops.
Sat out this Morning for F^t Cumberland, Capⁿ Pearis & L^t Gorril.
Sent two Horses to F^t Cumberland to help to hawl some hay hither
Sat out at ½ past one Col^l Bouquet, with Lieu^t Hubbard²¹ & Doc^r MacLean for The Settlements.

† Illegible.

¹³ Probably letters to Bouquet from Halkett and Gordon, Jan. 4, and from Armstrong and McKenzie, Jan. 6.

¹⁴ Not found.

¹⁵ James Warden, horse master.

¹⁶ John McNight, horse master.

¹⁷ Archibald Blane, 60th Regiment. See Forbes to Bouquet, Jan. 8, n. 5.

¹⁸ Capt. James Robertson, 77th Regiment.

¹⁹ Forbes to Bouquet, Jan. 8.

²⁰ Bouquet to Forbes, Jan. 13.

²¹ Capt. Edward Ward, Pennsylvania Regiment.

²² Bouquet to Forbes, Jan. 15.

²³ See Bouquet to Forbes, Jan. 23.

²⁴ Capt. Richard Pearis, or Paris, commissioned May 3, 1759, in the New Levies, Pennsylvania Regiment.

²⁵ John McFarlane, horse master.

²⁶ Ens. Hugh Crawford, Indian trader, commissioned March 11, 1758, in the First Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment.

²⁷ A cooper's tool, used especially for smoothing insides of casks.

²⁸ Not identified.

²⁹ Capt. Alexander McKenzie, 77th Regiment.

³⁰ John Lindsay, or Lindsey, horse master.

³¹ Lieut. James Gorrell, Maryland forces.

³² Lieut. Lewis Ourry presided at the Court of Inquiry Concerning William Darling, Jan. 20, which see.

³³ Lieut. Edward Hubbard, Virginia forces.

BOUQUET TO MARYLAND TROOPS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 77, Df.]*

[Fort Bedford, January 22, 1759]

By Henry Bouquet Esq^r Colonel in the R. A. R. and Commanding His Majestys Forces on the Western Frontiers.

To the Soldiers of the Maryland Forces in garrison at Fort Cumberland.

Gentlemen

As it is represented to me by Cap^t Rich^d Pearis that you have received no Pay¹ for a considerable Time, by which deficiency you are reduced to such distress that you think of abandoning the Fort if not relieved in a Short time.

I have there upon thought proper to let you know that the money lately voted by your Province as a gratification for your past good services, Shall be punctually paid to you, according to the Intentions of the Government, without any deduction for the advances you may have received from time to time, which advances are to be Stopped afterwards when you receive your full Pay: and in order to enable you to wait a few days for your Share of the above Gratification, I have impowred Cap^t Pearis to advance 20 Sh. to Each man, which Shall be deducted from y^e Said Gratification.

And whereas the Settling of your arrears and Pay requires Some time; I do expect from your Fidelity, honour, and duty, that you Shall wait patiently untill the 15th of March next by which time, and perhaps sooner, I hope to See all your affairs Settled to your satisfaction;

I place such Confidence in you that I make no doubt of your ready Compliance to my desire, and I think you too wise to loose by a precipitate and rash Step, the fruit of all your Labours, your reputation, and your Money.

I propose [going][†] to set out to morrow¹ for the settlements where I Shall represent in the Strongest terms to the General your Situation, and the Justice of your demands, and Shall inform Cap^t Pearis of the Success of my solicitations in your favour.

It has been reported to me that one Balsar Kern² a Soldier Should have Spread among you false Reports from me. That I had offered him ten Pistoles to Enlist in the R. A. R. and other infamous Insinuations tending to dispirit the Garrison, and make you take wrong and pernicious

[†] Stricken out.

measures: I therefore have thought it necessary to inform you myself that I never did Speak to, or even Saw the Said Balsar Kern, who has basely and maliciously contrived the above falshood to bad Purposes: Therefore I have given Strict orders to Cap^t Pearis to have the Said Balsar Kern tried by a Court Martial, and punished with the utmost severity of the Law against Such Seditious discourses.

I recommand you again to have Patience, till you hear from me, which will be in a Short time, and to continue to do your duty in Such a manner as to inforce my Recommandations in your behalf and you may depend upon my utmost Endeavours to See you righted in your Pretensions.

Given under my hand at Fort Bedford the twenty Second day of January 1759

[no signature]

[Endorsed] Letter written to the Maryland Soldiers 22^d Jan^y 1759

* Original not found; another copy is in S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 86, f. 6.

¹ See Entry of Jan. 22, in Journal Kept at Bedford, printed under date of Jan. 22.

² Balsar Kerns, or Carns, who deserted on April 16.

PETERS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 18, A. L. S.]

Philadelphia 22^d Janry 1759

Sir

I desired the favour of General Forbes to communicate to you my news and the contents of my Letters. I wrote to no one besides him & to him I wrote every thing that occurrd. I now tender you my Service and shall be proud of [a][†] yr Correspondence. The Season is critical and important and will want great attention and every sort of Intelligence. I have a very Sincere Esteem for you notwithstanding my Silence hitherto which was [all][†] a political measure & a Restraint upon my Affection. The reasons cease now and I hope my Silence will make no Impression on your mind to my prejudice.

I attend the Governor to Newcastle where the Assembly is now sitting. Your hints¹ respecting Officers of the Provincial Troops will be of service in order to chuse proper ones and avoid such as are improper. nothing you shall please to say shall transpire

Poor Haldiman² is in that vile Fort Edwards³ & writes for News as for an Alms.

[†] Stricken out.

Printemps par la Lenteur de nos Convoys. S'il estoit à Carlisle Il pourroit faire le service du Roy & nous etre de quelque utilité.

Je Suis Mons^r

Votre tres humble et devoué Serviteur

H. BOUQUET

[TRANSLATION]

Fort Bedford, January 23, 1759.

Sir:

I have seen with much pleasure from your letter of the 14th that you were so near Philadelphia, and that your trip in such a bad season has not made your condition worse. I trust that the rest and the care you will find in the city will soon restore your strength and health.

The inevitable delay in Major Halkett's departure cannot have any bad results. It is enough for the minister to have learned of the success of the expedition through your first letter, in order to make the plan of campaign without waiting for the details; and I hope that General Amherst has enough scope in his instructions to be able to take advantage of the information you can give him about this part of the continent.

All the troops have marched to their posts. Captain Robinson (with 80 Highlanders, 20 Royal Americans, two small howitzers, and a convoy of flour, with five horses loaded with goods for the Indians and two with pitch for the boats) has marched to Pittsburgh.

Captain McKenzie with the rest of the regular troops is at Ligonier.

We have as yet received only two convoys¹ of forage, the first of 48 horses, the second of 58. Deducting the horses which were lost or which could go no farther, we could bring only 54 sacks of flour, with the grain needed for the horses, which is a grievous thing for 800 men; and we have not heard that there is anything on the way. My great dependence is on the individuals who might be taking flour to Pittsburgh, and I hear that about a hundred horses will soon set out from the South Branch. I hope that the other quarters where you have scattered advertisements will furnish their contingent. Otherwise, we should not be able to maintain these posts.

Captain Pearis arrived here yesterday from Cumberland, and told me that the garrison had resolved to abandon the fort, as they no longer wished to serve without receiving their pay. With a great deal of trouble he made them promise to stay until he had spoken to me.

He informed me that the province of Maryland had voted £1500 to be distributed as extra pay to their troops, on the refusal of the Council to pass the bill for their pay and arrears.

The soldiers who are at Fort Frederic have received their share of this extra pay, and Lieutenant Colonel Dagworthy² must have the rest for the troops which are at Cumberland, but he has not written a word since his departure, and the soldiers make very insolent remarks regarding him and this money.

In the hope that the province will finally provide their pay, or the government if they default, I thought it my duty to prevent the complete desertion of these men by the only means which lay in my power, which was to write them the enclosed letter,³ which I hope you will approve under the existing circumstances. Pearis believes that they will make no difficulty about remaining on that footing until March 15th, a sufficient time to make a decision regarding them. I shall learn their decision by express.

The number of horses and wagons stolen during the campaign is so great that I have no doubt you will order search warrants in the three provinces. These rogues will betray one another, and punishing them will prevent similar crimes in another campaign.

Captain Pearis sent me a prisoner, a Virginia farmer,⁴ who stole two horses. I had him examined by a court of inquiry, and released under bail of 200 pounds Sterling.

As I do not see that I can be of any service by staying here, I am leaving tomorrow for York, where I shall receive the reports from the posts and transmit them to you. I have waited two of three days since the departure of the troops, for a letter from Colonel Mercer,⁵ but I have had no news.

I shall establish the posts of the communication on the way down, and shall send up a staff officer⁶ to command here where I am leaving him his instructions in writing.

This post is very weak, having only 82 men fit for service. I shall try to find out what has become of these two Pennsylvania battalions, of which I see only about 600 on this side of the Susquehanna. What is on the other side can be only a small number.

Among the disagreeable papers I am sending you, you will find a production⁷ of Mr. Sinclair, who gives himself airs in writing me in a tone which a subaltern has never yet used with me. I should have been contented with the reply⁸ I made him, without bothering you with his impertinence, if I did not have good reasons for attributing the cause of it to a poisoned source which has caused me a thousand annoyances in this campaign.

I shall add to what I wrote⁹ Major Halkett on this subject, only that on the morning of the 26th I went to get St. Clair¹⁰ out of his bed, so that he could get ready to leave immediately. Dr. Russell and Mr.

Barrow¹¹ were present. I gave him his letters¹² and instructions before noon, and he certainly could have reached Stony Creek that same day, and Bedford on the 27th. I have made this same trip, and Dr. McLean after me, in two days with pack horses which had been to Pittsburgh twice. Colonel Armstrong in the letter¹³ which you will open on the way declares that he did not receive my letter until the 29th at 12 o'clock. Therefore, etc.

I shall give orders at Lancaster and Carlisle that your letters be sent to me at York. As I do not have the honor of being known by General Amherst, I should be very much pleased to meet him under your auspices at Philadelphia, where I shall go as soon as you find it necessary.

The extreme shortage of officers with me makes me wish that Ourry could be replaced¹⁴ at Bedford, where some one will be necessary until spring because of the slowness of our convoys. If he were at Carlisle, he could carry on the King's service and be of some service to us.

I am,
Sir,

Your most humble and devoted servant,

H. BOUQUET

¹ McFarlane's brigade which arrived with oats, Jan. 17, and John Lindsay's brigade which arrived Jan. 20. See Entries of Jan. 17 and 20, in Journal Kept at Bedford, printed under date of Jan. 22.

² Lieut. Col. John Dagworthy, Maryland forces, commanding Fort Cumberland.

³ Bouquet's statement to Maryland troops, Jan. 22.

⁴ William Darling.

⁵ Col. Hugh Mercer, Pennsylvania Regiment.

⁶ Possibly Capt. Patrick Davis, commissioned Dec. 22, 1757, in the First Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment. Instructions not found.

⁷ Sinclair to Bouquet, Jan. 17.

⁸ Bouquet to Sinclair, Jan. 21.

⁹ Not found.

¹⁰ Capt. James Sinclair, assistant deputy quartermaster general.

¹¹ Dr. William Russell, or Russel, surgeon and sub-director of a general hospital which was part of the Forbes expedition. Devised the litter which carried the ailing Forbes; attested to his will.

Thomas Barrow, British deputy paymaster general, in charge of paying the forces in North America.

¹² Not found, but apparently included Bouquet's letter of Dec. 26, 1758, to Col. John Armstrong. The delay in delivering it had caused Bouquet to censure Capt. James Sinclair.

¹³ Armstrong to Bouquet, Jan. 1.

¹⁴ See Bouquet's notes for this letter, printed above.

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 20, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 23, 1759]

Sir

I am sorry I have to inform you that on the twenty first Ins^t at Night Deserted from here Serj^t Fill¹ and fourteen Men with him Notwithstanding the Promises they Made to me, agreeable to your Orders I Read your letter² to those Remaining, they all Return you harty thanks for your kind Proposals, and Care for them, and says they will do their Duty with Spirit agreeable to your Request untill the 15th of March, I beleeave if those that Deserted on the twenty first, had not been gon before I Came home they would not gon. tomorrow Morning I send Ensign Love³ with the Coppy of your letter after those that are gon hoping that it will have the Desired Effect on them to Return. I also send a copy to Governer Sharpe with a list⁴ of the Deserted in hopes he will send some of them Back in Case they go to Annapolis, Balser Kern shall be tryed to morrow the Rest of the men Appeares to be Much Displeased with him for his false seditious Reports.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Hum^l Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cumbr^d Jan^y 23^d 1759 9 O Clock

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Pearis 23^d Jan^y

[Addressed] To Coll: Henry Bouquet

¹ Sgt. John Fell is shown on duty at Raystown, on the Muster Roll of a Maryland Company of Foot commanded by Col. John Dagworthy, dated at Loyalhanna, Nov. 12, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 22. On Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759, Fell is shown as having deserted on Jan. 22, 1759. *Ibid.*, f. 26.

² Bouquet to Maryland Troops, Jan. 22.

³ Ens. Philip Love is listed on Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Loyalhanna, Nov. 12, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 22.

⁴ A list of deserters appears on Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. *Ibid.*, f. 26.

HOOPS TO FORBES

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 21a, C. S.]

Lancaster January 23^d 1759

Sir,

Inclosed your Excellency has as extract of a Letter from L^t Hutchins at Pittsboro, also of a Return of Provisions in Store at that place the 5th Inst. The Venison purchased by the Kings Goods, is issued to the Garrison, & I refer to Your Excellency In what manner that will be settled. S^r John will communicate to you what I know relative to Carriages. The People on the South Branch of Petomack are Carry^g Provisions out but we need not expect much from that Quarter.

I am with the greatest Esteem
your Excellency's most obed^t & very humble serv^t

ADAM HOOPS

[ENCLOSURE]

RETURN OF PROVISIONS AT PITTSBURGH

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 21c, D. S.]

A Return of Provisions in Store at Pittsboro January 5th 1759

Pounds of			Salt
Flour	Beef	Pork	in Baggs
8,500	19,400	11,000	3

Ad^m HOOPS

To his Excellency General Forbes
Philadelphia

[ENCLOSURE]

EXTRACT: HUTCHINS TO HOOPS

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 21b, D. S.]

Extract of a Letter from M^r Thomas Houtchins Manager, for the Contractors at Pittsboro, dated 5th January 1759, to Adam Hoops.

The Bearer John McCullogh has brought to this Garrison, the following Provisions viz.

11,225^{lb} of Pork317^{lb} Flour

6 Bushells of Salt. For which he has the command^g Officers¹ Receipt, as he purposes calling on you for his Pay, I thought proper To acquaint you of its Situation. The Pork is Young but tollerable good, and will answer very well for Immediate use, The Flour is Sufficient & the Salt fine.

The Indians daily bring in large quantity's of Venison which is purchased with Goods sent here for them, this Meat is served to the Men in lieu of Beef, as the Commanding Officer may thing it unjustifiable to sign a Return for the Meat purchased with the King Goods I would be glad to have Your directions, how to act in this Case. I have an exact acc^t of all Venison received.

The Consumption here for the Garrison p month is 3,850 Rations & 2,400 Rations p month for Indians. All the News I have is that this Day an Indian Chief² with 40 Warriors who are come as they say to confirm their Alliance of Friendship

I am your most obedient
THOMAS HUTCHINS

¹ Col. Hugh Mercer, Pennsylvania Regiment.² Not identified.

C. 23 JANUARY 1759

BOUQUET TO HALKETT

[?, c. January 23, 1759]

Letter missing, but Bouquet dealt with the delay of Capt. James Sinclair in delivering a letter from Bouquet, at Fort Ligonier, to Col. John Armstrong at Bedford, during the final week of December, 1758. That letter countermanded previous orders to Armstrong to march the troops out of Bedford. Armstrong marched out on Dec. 28; Sinclair arrived on Dec. 29. Controversy developed between Sinclair and Bouquet, but Sinclair's letter of Jan. 28, 1759, to Bouquet and his further apologies stated in his letter to Forbes, Feb. 18, seem to have put an end to the argument.

BOUQUET TO MERCER

[?, January 23, 1759]

Letter missing and there is no indication of its content. By the time Hugh Mercer received and acknowledged it, Feb. 7, new information made the letter's content irrelevant.

OURRY: JOURNAL KEPT AT BEDFORD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 5, A. Df.]

[Fort Bedford, January 6-22, 1759]

Saturday January y^e 6

All the Taylors employed making Jackets for the Highlanders going up.

Dispatch'd Charles Boyle, Express with Let^{rs} from below,¹ & from Col^l Armstrong for Col^l Bouquet at Ligonier
Return'd the Express _____ and
Arrived Col^l Bouquet & Captⁿ Dudgeon towards evening.

Sunday
7

Dispatch'd Charles Boyle Express to Gen^l Forbes with Letters² from Col^l Bouquet &c:
Sent up a Man with two Horses loaded with Oats to meet Warden's³ Brigade of Horses.

Monday
8

Return'd the two Horses and
Arrived Warden with 42 return'd Horses.
Sat out Col^l Armstrong, & Captⁿ Dudgeon for Carlisle.
Bought four Cows:
Arrived this Evening Charles Carty Express from Pittsburgh, with let^{rs} for Co^l Bouquet

Tuesday
9

Sent up 24 of Warden's Horses viz^t
18 with Flour for Ligonier
2 with D^o for Stony Creek
4 with Corn for the Horses
24
Sent down 27 return'd Horses with 22 sick Soldiers of different Corps.

Wednesday
10

Arrived McNitt⁴ with 18 return'd Horses from Ligonier.
Engaged a Dutch Man to Carry 30 gallons of Liquor to Ligonier, for which I am to pay him when he returns.

Thursday January y^e 11

Sent down McNitt with 15 return'd Horses and 8 Sick Pennsylvanian Soldiers for Carlisle
Employ'd two Men to make a Sleigh

Friday
12

Arrived Ensⁿ Blane⁵ with a Party of R. Americans and Captⁿ Robinson⁶ with one of Highlanders for Carlisle
Came in four Waggons with 104 Bush of Indian Corn from the South Branch at Potomauk
Bought it all for 6/6 P Bushell
Arrived this Afternoon an Express from Carlisle with Letter⁷ for Col^l Bouquet about [?Indian Goods?].

Saturday
13

Dispatch'd Charles Carty Express to Ligonier and Pittsburgh with Letters² from Col^l Bouquet to the Commanders of each Post.
Bought 1042 lb of Flour of one Man } S
1015 lb of D^o of another } @ 25 PC^t
Sent up Six Horses with Corn to meet Warden Horses coming down.
Dispatch'd an Express to Gen^l Forbes with Col^l Bouquet's Letters,⁸ &c.
The Sleigh finish'd
Bespoke another

1/2 past 2
afternoonSunday
14

Bought 1125 lb of Pork & 5 C. 32. 10 lb. Flour.
Arrived Cap^t Ward⁹ with 9 Indians from Pittsburgh
Deliver'd in the Store at Juniata 163 lb of Pork

Monday
15

March'd Cap^t Robinson's Party for Ligonier & Pittsburgh
Sat out Cap^t Ward with the 9 Indians for Philadelphia Col^l Bouquet wrote¹⁰ to Gen^l Forbes to acquaint him
Employ'd the Sleigh to hawl Wood
Bought 114½ Bushells of Indian Corn and 1 of Oats.

Tuesday
16

March'd for Ligonier & Pittsburgh a Party of R. Americans
Coll: Bouquet wrote² by them to Col^l Loyd about marching up the Troops, & to Co^l Mercer² about the Disposition, & Settling the Spies
Bought 187 lb of Butter @ 10^d P lb.
The Soldiers being very drunk all the Suttlers were call'd before Col^l Bouquet to know who had Licences & to try to find out where the Men got the Liquor
Received William Darling¹¹ Waggoner sent Prisoner by Capt Pearis¹² for embezzling the Kings Horses.
Confin'd him on the Goal in the Fort

* Transcribed from the original in the Haldimand Papers, B. M., Add. MSS. 21682.

¹ Probably a transcription of the abbreviation "Col'."

² Capt. Ralph Harding, 60th Regiment.

³ Lieut. John Brown, commissioned Feb. 9, 1756, in the Royal Americans.

⁴ John or George McDougal. Forbes had recommended "Mr. MacDougall", enlisted man in the 77th regiment, for vacant ensigncy in the 60th. James, *Writings of General John Forbes*, 256. The British Museum copy of the *Br. Army List* for 1759 has an ensign entry in longhand for "Jn. McDugal", 60th Regiment, dated April 18, though the name was crossed out later. Promoted to lieut. April 29, 1760. George McDougal was commissioned lieutenant, May 30, 1759, in the 60th but there is no record of his ranking as an ensign.

⁵ Note on the Public Archives of Canada transcripts identifies the sgt. major as Duren.

⁶ No further identification.

⁷ Possibly Henry Swinglius, or Zwinglius, who was commissioned captain in the Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment, on May 5, 1760.

⁸ A short sword.

31 JANUARY 1759

PEARIS TO OURRY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 36, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 31, 1759]

D^r Sir

Since I have Wrote¹ my sentiments to Coll: Bouquet and you, I am informed by M^r Love² that Coll: Dagworthy sent 100 pounds of the Present Money to M^r Riley³ who is now Deceased to bring here for the Men at this Garrison, I Cant see the Reason why he Did not send the whole without he Intends to Defraud them out it, as the Men says, for I think he has no Right to make any stopages. Also, I have Just heard by M^r Love that Coll Dagworthy gave privit Orders Orders to M^r Lenox⁴ unknown to me who he new [was][†] was to Command untill he Came, to let aney of the Men have furloughs that wanted them which he has don without my leave Notwithstanding the Generalls orders for 100 men to be kept here, this I would beg you would acquaint Coll: Bouquet with or enclose this to to him, Am Quite tired of this Command without Matters were Carried on in a more Juster manner than has Been

I am Sir your most obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Ja^r 31, 1759

To Cap^t Ourry

[Endorsed] Capⁿ Pearis F^t Cumberland, Jan^r 31, 1759:

[Addressed] To Lewes Ourry ade Quarter Master General at Fort Bedford

[†] Stricken out.

¹ See Pearis to Bouquet, Jan. 23. Also, Ourry to Bouquet, Jan. 25.

² Ens. Philip Love, Maryland forces.

³ Lieut. James Riley, or Ryley. died of smallpox at Fort Frederick on Jan. 26. "Journal of James Kenny, 1758-1759," *Pa. Mag. of Hist. & Biog.*, XXXVII, 404.

⁴ Not identified.

C. JANUARY 1759

BOUQUET TO OURRY

[Juniata, c. January 1759]

Letter missing, but contained an order to Ourry to reinforce Fort Cumberland in the event that desertion became general there. See Ourry to Bouquet, Jan. 25. Bouquet left Fort Bedford early in the afternoon, Jan. 22, in company with Dr. MacLeane, intending to go to eastern Pennsylvania. Apparently he wrote the letter to Ourry after he had gone only a short way, at Juniata Crossings, perhaps because he received news there about desertion at Fort Cumberland. Bouquet was changing his itinerary freely, since Tulleken, in New York, did not know where to address him. See Tulleken to Bouquet, Jan. 20. Bouquet seems to have gone directly to York, avoiding the route through Carlisle. See MacLeane to Bouquet, Jan. 28. At Carlisle he would have run into James Sinclair whom he had recently criticized.

INCOMPLETE LETTER: ST. CLAIR TO [?]

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 94, D.]*

[January ?, 1759]

Pittsburg for the delivery of flower is only [mentioned] in the Advertisements, but if Ligoneer had been mentioned, as being so much nearer, the Country¹ woud have run upon that only, and we have it always in our power to stop what is wanted, and make a Deduction from the Price according to the distance.

It was proposed by the people upon the South Branch of Pattomack, to carry four Thousand Bushels of Indian Corn to Fort Bedford, provided a road was opened from Fort Pleasant to Patterson's Creek² which the Country have, engaged to do of themselves, to give them a free and near Communication to our Posts, the distance from Fort Pleasant to Pattersons Creek being thirty Miles. A Large Quantity of Hay from near Fort Frederick and Conegog[—][†] is directed to be brought to Loudon. There [are] Magazines of Hay laid in at Shipensburg [and] the same at this place.

100 fresh Horses are already raised by Cap^t McFearson. Captain Calender is sent to Frederick C^o in Maryland, being that part of the

[†] Stricken out.

3 FEBRUARY 1759

OURRY TO FORBES

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 24, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Febr^y 3^d 1759

Sir,

If I have not wrote to your Excellency sooner, agreable to your Directions, when you left this Place; it was because I was near three Weeks without being able to say that I had done any thing towards Supplying the upper Garrisons,¹ as no Horses could be got up here from below, 'till the 17th of January, that 48 came in, which I forwarded the next Day.

The enclos'd Return² will shew what number of Horses have come up here, when, and how many have been sent higher, & with that loaded. I am inform'd that two other Brigades of 50 or 60 Horses each will be here in a Day or two, which I shall hurry up as soon as they come.

And I am told that a great Number of Horses, with Flour, & Indian Meal are moving to Pittsburgh by Bradock's Road: I know that upwards of 80 have already pass'd by Fort Cumberland in the Space of a Week. Meanwhile I have given all possible encouragement to the Country People that brought Provisions or Liquors here, to go up, and, from those that could not be prevail'd upon, I have bought, Liquors, grain, Cattle, &c. (as may be seen at the back of the Return:) to pay for which, & keep up my Credit, or rather that of the Army, I have been put to all Sorts of shifts; most of the People I have to deal with, living in a part of the Country, where I have no Conections.

The Weather here has been very Severe lately, and those who have gone up to Pittsburgh, or even Ligonier, have earned their Bread very dearly. The Snow, they tell me, is now near three feet deep on the Alleghany.³

I hope your Excellency has, by this time, recover'd the fatigue of a long and troublesome Journey.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

Sir, Your most humble and most Obedient Servant

LS. OURRY

General Forbes

¹ Pittsburgh and Fort Ligonier.

² Not found.

³ The Allegheny Mountain.

5 FEBRUARY 1759

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 42, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, February 5, 1759]

Sir

I send you Inclosed the Proceedings¹ of a Court Martial held to try Corpo¹ Ragon² of Coll: Dagworthys Company where in You'l see what insulting Mutenus behaviour Rains amongst the Men of this Garrison Notwithstanding y^e Money I have paid them Agreeable to your Orders, and the Promises made by them. I have sent the above Ragon Prisoner to Fort Bedford untill your Pleasure is known, knowing him to be a Soer of Muteney amongst the Rest. I Also send you a Return of what Horses loaded with flower has passd for Pitsburg since my last many more yet following, According to Your Order I sent to William Rosses,³ who was Accused by Creasep⁴ for Concealing some of his Majestys Horses where Ensign Mearns⁵ found three two of which appears to belong to the Virginia Officers and one to his Majesty Ross says he took them up in the Woods, also Ross informes [me]† on one Eves⁶ and one Plum⁷ who lives at Cresaps that they have Conceald ten or twelve of his Majestys Horses, Cresaps Servant Man Confirms what Ross says, only he says ther is but seven of them Belongs to the King I have sent an officer to bring both Men and Horses in Case they are taken, would [be glad]† Be Glad to Receive Your Orders how to Proceed, Nothing else Extrordinary

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient & most Hum^l Ser^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Ft Cumb^d Febr^y 5th 1759

To Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Pearis febr^y 5th

[Addressed] To Coll: Henry Bouquet [Philadelphia]† at York Town.

† Stricken out.

¹ See Proceedings of Court Martial which follow.

² Cpl. John Ragon is listed on the Muster Roll of Col. John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. Ragon and a Corporal James Nowell are shown there as having deserted on April 16. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

³ William Ross had a home on the South Branch of the Potomac River. Deposition of Davis Morgan, May 10, 1757, *Archives of Maryland*, XXXII, 250-251.

⁴ Thomas Cresap, or Cressop, frontier leader, had a settlement near present-day Oldtown, Md.

⁵ Ens. Samuel Mearns, surgeon, is shown on Dagworthy's Muster Roll, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759, as having transferred from Captain Francis Ware's Maryland Company on Dec. 30, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 37, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Feb^r ye 9th 1759

Dear Colonel

Captain Pearis,¹ who has sent me two Loads of Hay, acquaints me that Several Horses have been found, conceal'd by divers Persons, who, as soon as detected, discover others, which he has sent an Officer to take up, And he asks my Opinion, what he is to do with them. I told him I would write to receive your Directions on that head. But in the meantime I thought he would do well to make them produce the Horses immediately, and give Bond for their appearance at the next Court; and to make what Discoveries he could by taking Depositions of all Informers

As I have now, many Horses up here, and plenty of Forrage, I hope to send you soon agreeable Returns of the Provisions in the upper Garrisons.

The Horses gone by Bradocks Road, have met with some obstacle or other, for 'tho' 196 had passed by Fort Cumberland between the 23^d of January & the 5th Ins^t not one was arrived at Pittsburgh the 3^d as Col^l Mercer informs me. But a Suttler who left that Place the 3^d at Night, tells me that Intelligence was just brought to the Colonel, of upwards of 200 Horses being within 20 Miles, and that he sent out a Party to meet them. So I make no doubt of their being arrived now. The 196 that I know of, were loaded as P^r inclosed Return.²

As I suppose I shall be order'd down very Soon I would be glad to know, whether any body is coming to releive me, or if I am to leave the transacting of this Business to the Commanding Officer,³ to whom I have hinted that I imagin'd it might fall to his Lot, at least for a time, and have been Striving to initiate him in that agreeable Amusement, for which he does not shew the Strongest Inclination.

My right hand man Boggs⁴ the Horse Master, will ease him much in the Laborious part, but I believe he will need more Assistance in the other Details.

The Country People coming with Corn to sell here, & Liquor &c: to carry up, and returning [with]† with a thousand requests & Difficulties, will perplex any body that is not a little innur'd to that variety of Occurences, & perhaps throw things in great Confusion. The want of ready Money, cause abundance of Trouble, when one has to deal with People from Sundry remote Places, where the Purchaser has not Credit to draw for one Shilling — Tho' I have run the risk of having my Bills protested by Mess^{rs} Dickson & Prater,⁵ from whom I have yet no Answer

† Stricken out.

I have been casting up, that, notwithstanding I have paid off £300 of Debts, I have Still, in the Hands of Ten or twelve Suttlers & other Friends Notes of Hand for upwards of £600 which I have been oblige to borrow from time to time.

I have lower'd the Price of Grain, And, tho' I at first gave Forrage to encourage People to go up to Pittsburgh, I charge them for what they take now to be deducted from the Price of their Goods, which lessens both the Demand & the Expence.

I have nothing more to add, but waiting your Instructions & Directions, I remain with great Respect

Dear Col^l

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant

L^s. OURRY

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] L^t Ourry [feb^r 9th 1759]¹ Capt. Richard Pearis, or Paris.² Not found.³ Capt. Patrick Davis, Pennsylvania Regiment.⁴ Andrew Boggs, horse master. Supervised one of 7 pack horse brigades which Robert Callender and Barnabas Hughes maintained as army contractors.⁵ Dickson not identified. Prater was probably Col. Thomas Prather, contractor for forage and supplies, of Conococheague, Md.

11 FEBRUARY 1759

EXTRACT: [PETERS] TO [FORBES]

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 84, f. 8, D.]

[Philadelphia], 11th February 1759.

Mr Peters Compliments to the General. He is rejoiced to hear y^t he has rested well & is better. M^r Peters has communicated to the Governor the Generals request that he woud on account of his Indisposition transact the Business with the Indians now in Town, and the Governor chearfully undertakes it.¹

The Heads of the Governors Speech are now under consideration, and, when finished, will be submitted to the Generals correction. When approved by the General it is proposed to shew the Speech to the Cayuga Chief² that it may be perfectly agreeable to him and that he may heartily join in it.

When this is done the Governor may deliver the Speech in Council and request the attendance of the Provincial Commissioners³ who will

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That at the opening of the last Campaign by your Excellency's Order the following Paragraph (among other Things) was Published, /to wit, "After the Service shall be over the Waggoner's Accompts and all Dis-
"putes and Differences if any should arise relating thereto, shall be"
"adjusted, and determined by the same Persons (to wit, the Persons"
"appointed to inspect and appraise The Waggons Horses &c^a then"
"to be employ'd in his Majesties Service) so appointed whose Settle-"
"ment and Decision shall be binding as well on the Contractors as on"
"the Owners of the Waggons and Horses &c^a"

That in Consequence thereof the Inhabitants fited out a Number of Waggons and Horses which were employed in his Majesties Service.

That they waited patiently for the Settlement of their Accompts and their pay until the End of the Campaign.

That since that most fatiguing Campaign is happily over /on the Success of w^{ch} we beg leave to Congratulate your Excellency/ the Inhabitants expected that their Accompts would have been adjusted and paid agreeable to the proposals above refered to and the Contracts signed by Colonel Bouquett.

That instead thereof Orders are published desiring them "to make up"
"their Accompts and deliver them to the Waggon Masters of their"
"respective Brigades &c^a"

Your Petitioners beg leave to inform your Excellency that the People here think this Mode of Settling their Accompts will not well answer the End, Because most of the Owners are incapable of Stating their Accompts justly, not knowing the Times when their Waggons broke, when their Horses were ordered into other Branches of the Service, when their Waggons were ordered from one Brigade into another and when some of their Horses were killed or taken by the Enemy; nor does it appear from what is last Published that such Settlement is to be conclusive.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that your Excellency will be Pleased to take the Premises under consideration and appoint some Proper Persons to inspect, finally settle and pay the Accompts of York County People at York Town and not oblige them at a great Expence to Attend at Philadelphia to receive their Pay as they did after the Expedition of the late General Braddock

And your Petitioners will Pray —

GEO STEVENSON
JOHN ADLUM
THO^s ARMOR
MICHEL DANNER¹

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¹ Adlum, Armor, and Danner were first commissioned justices of the peace in York County in October, 1755; Stevenson in September, 1749. John Adlum had been the sheriff from 1752-1754. Thomas Armor had been a captain in the New Levies of the Pennsylvania Regiment in 1758. Michael Danner had been one of the commissioners who laid out the county in 1749. In 1755 he became trustee of a Mennonite meeting house known as the Bair Meeting House.

26 FEBRUARY 1759

OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 45, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Feb^r y^e 26th 1759Dear Col^l

Since my last to you of the 24th Cur^t I have receiv'd two Let^{rs} ¹ from Captⁿ Pearis,² who informs me that Numbers of People returning from Pittsburgh have been greatly distress'd having suffer'd much hardship, through cold & hunger, & sustain'd great losses by the Death, & loss of their Horses, Starved & Stray'd. Some that took up Six brought back but one, some two. Several Men in Swimming their Horses, nearly lost their Lives. He has assisted them, & got the Flatt afloat, which, it seems, is of great Service. He recommends building another, about 5 Miles below Cressaps, at one Bruery Cox,³ as being between 30 & 40 Miles nearer from Winchester than the other Road, by that means he thinks the People from those parts would be encouraged to carry up Provisions. He has recover'd 8 or 10 Horses which I have sent for.

He acquaints me also that he has receiv'd Directions from Sr John S^t Clair, to receive in his Stores a Quantity of Indian Goods 'till they can be transported to Pittsburgh. They are arrived there.

None of the Deserters⁴ being return'd, but on the contrary several more having lately gone off, & the few remaining being discontented, & not to be relied on, And this Additional Store of Indian Goods being lodged there, I took the Liberty to remind Captⁿ Davis,⁵ of the Reinforcement you mention'd in case that Place should be abandon'd, upon which he acquiesced to send an Officer⁶ and twenty Men, who March this Day. I suppose on their arrival the remainder of the Marylanders will all go away.

As Captⁿ Davis does not propose writing to you 'till the end of the Month with the Monthly Returns, I have with his Consent mention'd thus much out of my own Province, for your earlier Information. I remain with Respect

D^r Col^lY^r most humble & most Ob^t ServantL^s. OURRY

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 85, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 4, 1759]

D^r Sir

You have the Monthly Returns¹ by M^r Ourry, who I have sent them to, as I am informed you are gon to Philadelphia, I Beg leave to trouble you, to Indeavour to have my Indians Accounts Setled, which is in the hands of Cap^t Bozmouth,² as I cant attend myself. I hope you wount think it two troublesome to see them adjusted and Setled.

The Men left in this Garrison wates Impatient untill the fifteenth of March when they will all abandon the Fort without their pay, there is maney of them at Fort Frederick that left this is Willing to Return on hearing of their Money being Come, I hope at least you'll order the Present money here that I may be able to stop what I advanced by Your Order³ You'll see by the Return that there is Maney of them Deserted sence I advanced to them and purhaps may Receive the whole money Below

I am

D^r Siryour most Obedient and Most Hum^e Serv^tRICH^d PEARISMar^h 4th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Pearis March the 4th[Addressed] To Coll. Hen^{ry} Bouquet at Philadelphia¹ See Ourry to Bouquet, March 4.² Capt. Abraham Bosomworth.³ See Bouquet to Maryland Troops, Jan. 22.

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AMHERST TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21634, f. 3, A. L. S.]

New York March 5th 1759.

Sir

I had the favour of receiving your Letter of the 1st of March on the 3^d Instant at night;¹ I cant express to you the very great concern I am under

Colonel Bouquet

at the painfull and Miserable situation of B^r General Forbes, who I imagine, will be lost to us before this can reach you, and that the Troops may at present be under your command.

The business you was left on, in making a proper disposal of the Troops for keeping the necessary Communication to Fort du Quesne was so very requisite, that, I think, B^r Forbes judged extreamly right in leaving you to execute that service, and in the unhappy state that I fear poor Forbes is in if he should not be dead, I presume he is so incapable of giving any orders, that I must desire you will continue to forward every thing according to what were his intentions, and as you May Judge best for His Majestys Service.

I have acquainted Governors Fauquier and Sharpe by Letter on the 11th of February² of my intentions of going to Philadelphia and my desire of meeting them there, in order to settle the Indian Affairs in the best manner we can, and as you will probably have two or three days notice and certain Intelligence of the time the above Gentlemen will arrive at Philadelphia, I should be glad that on such information you will send to me that I may set out immediately: Till I have a certainty of their coming I cannot quit the Business which keeps me here, and will not admit of my quitting this place for any length of time at this season, and makes it necessary I should not set out, but when I am sure they will be there.

I am sorry the accounts of the last Campaign are all unsettled, and I apprehend the clearing them will be attended with many difficulties, but I shall give all the assistance I can and I hope the people concerned will not be to blind, as not to see that it cannot be avoided, and it therefore should not be of a bad consequence for the next Campaign.

On my first arrival here I made application³ to the several Governors of the Provinces for the continuing the Troops in their pay, since which His Majesty's Orders have been sent to all the Governours for raising the same number, and as many more as the number and Situation of the Inhabitants of the Province will allow, and as it is the Kings pleasure these should be raised with all dispatch, I am in hopes there is not the least doubt but the Provinces will exert themselves in raising and paying their men.

I should directly apply to the Governor of Maryland in regard to the Troops which are supposed to garrison Fort Cumberland but he will doubtless be on the road for Philadelphia where I hope we shall be able to settle that and many other material affairs

You will please to inform the Chiefs of the Indians who I understand are waiting at Philadelphia, and I suppose cannot have an opportunity of laying their Message before B^r General Forbes, that I shall soon be

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So Soon as I hear of Governor Fauquier's being on His Road to Philadelphia I shall set out to meet him; my Business here will not permit me to Stay there more then two or Three Days.

I am,

Sir,

Your very humble Servant

JEFF AMHERST

[Endorsed] Letter from General Amherst 16th March 1759

* A copy is in the Amherst Papers, P.R.O., W.O. 34/41, f. 59.

¹ Bouquet to Amherst, March 13.

² See copy enclosed in Bouquet's letter to Amherst, March 13.

³ Col. William Byrd, commanding the Virginia forces.

⁴ Captains Harding and Lander.

⁵ Tulleken to Bouquet, March 15.

STANWIX TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21638, f. 3, A. L. S.]

N: York. 16th March 1759

Dear Colonel

contrariy to every immagenation of my own I propose to have the pleasure of seeing you in a few days at Philadelphia, Brig^r Gen^l Moncton is order'd up the River S^t Lawrence und^r the Command of Wolf,¹ who is made Major Gen^l for that Expedition only as likewise Col: Murray:² Col: Burton³ and Colonel Townsend⁴ Brig^{rs} for the expedition only: 'tis hoped that all the Kings Troops will be order'd this way, our four Comp^s to joyn the six, & Col. Mongomerys⁵ Regim^t — but as you will see this Gentleman before me he will be able to give you all the news that Transpires here from the last packet which arrived here two days ago. L^t Dow⁶ who comes with me has wrote to M^r Howe⁷ to take me in as my time will be very short, believing my Command will ly another way probably up the Mohawk river,⁸ the King was spoke to twice but would not consent to my coming home so must submit for the present. adieu and believe me

Dear Colonel yours

very sincerely

JOHN STANWIX

Col: Beauquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Brig^r Gen^l Stanwix 16th March

[Addressed] To Colonel Beauquet Philadelphia

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¹ Gen. James Wolfe (1726-1759), famous commander of the campaign in which Quebec was captured; mortally wounded there Sept. 13. His appointment as major general is not reflected in Br. *Army Lists* because of his early death. It applied only to the Quebec expedition. *DNB*.

² Col. James Murray (1719-1794), commissioned lieutenant colonel in the 15th Regiment, Jan. 5, 1751; colonel in America only, Jan. 7, 1758; colonel commandant of the 60th, Oct. 24, 1759. He later rose to major general and was the first British governor of Canada. *DNB*. Brigadier general appointments were local and temporary, not by commission.

³ Col. Ralph Burton, 48th Regiment. See Bouquet to Forbes, Feb. 14, n. 6.

⁴ Viscount George Townshend (1724-1807), politician and soldier. Retired from the army because he opposed the Duke of Cumberland, he returned as brevet colonel and aide to George II, on May 6, 1758. Commissioned colonel of the 28th Regiment, Oct. 24, 1759; took command when Wolfe was killed at Quebec. He was the brother of the famous Charles Townshend. *DNB*.

⁵ The 77th Regiment, or First Highland Battalion. Col. Archibald Montgomery, 11th Earl of Eglinton, raised the regiment and was commissioned lieutenant colonel commandant, Jan. 4, 1757.

⁶ Lieut. James Dow, a quartermaster of the 60th Regiment.

⁷ Mr. Joshua Howell of Philadelphia, contractors' agent for provisions for the southern district.

⁸ Tributary of the Hudson River, rising in Lewis County, N.Y., and emptying into the Hudson about 3 miles north of Troy, N.Y.

C. 16 MARCH 1759

BOUQUET TO PEARIS

[Philadelphia, c. March 16, 1759]

Letter missing, but acknowledged by Pearis in his letter to Bouquet, March 17. Bouquet discussed the garrison at Fort Cumberland.

17 MARCH 1759

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 108, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 17, 1759]

Sir

With great satisfaction I Receiv'd your favour¹ this Day & Read part of your Letter to the men in this Garrison indeavouring to let them kno the maney Disappointments you Laboured Under in Regard to the settling their affairs, which I have made them sensible of, and are Quite Satisfied untill your farther Orders is known, on the 15th I was Obliged to Confine 13 of the Men and on the 16th they Petitioned me for Releasment which I Granted on Promising they would stay till Your Letter Came. I this day Borrowed forty Pounds from Coll: Cresap² to give them, which I believe will satisfie them untill I Receive further Orders if soon. They

La Communication avec ce Poste avancé Sera tenuë ouverte au moyen d'un detachem^t de 30 homes aussi retranchés à moitié chemin.

Les 500 homes qui Sont sur la Route au Fort Cumberland n'avancent gueres à cause des marais qu'ils faut couvrir de Chaussées, mais le Chemin Sera bon, et Sans montagne. Il y a environ 20 m. de coupé.

Il y aura deux Logg Houses à moitié Chemin¹⁰ bastionés aux deux angles opposés, et Se flanquant reciproquement aux deux cotes du Chemin: Elles pourront Servir de couvert à un Detachem^t et de magasin. ce Sera l'ouvrage d'une Couple de Jours.

M^r Glen Se proposoit de venir icy demain, mais comme nous n'avons aucun Couvert, je l'ay prié d'attendre encore quelques Jours, pour que nous puissions lui batir une Hutte, n'ayant pas à present un Soldat oisif dans le Camp.

Nous avons des Magasins pour recevoir 3 mois de Provisions pour l'armée, et nous en batirons pour les Bagages &c Les Planches nous arretent, quoi que nous ayons 10 Scies en action.

Il y a 18 fours construits, du Charbon fait, et je forme un Magasin de foin. Les 16 Indiens que le Cap^e Paris¹¹ avoit amenés, nous ont quittés hier come des Coquins apres avoir promis solemnellem^t de faire la Campagne, Je fais peut etre tort à leur Conducteur, mais je crois qu'il a plutot cherché à Se faire valoir en les amenant sous l'appat de recevoir des Presens pour leurs Services passés, qu'il n'a cherché à leur en faire rendre de nouveaux. Ce n'est pas un hoïme a employer, malgré les recommandations que l'on peut vous donner à Carlisle. /Il partit avant hier pour Cumberland avec Bosomworth./

Les Catawbas, et Cherokee de Gist n'existoient que dans Son Imagination, et Sont reduits à 28 Tuscaroras, et Nantaways,¹² plus propres à emporter nos Presens, qu'à combattre. Il ne faut plus compter que Sur nous mêmes: Je receus hier 28 Lettres, je reponds à ce qui concerne le Service directem^t et j'espere que le Major Grant, & Brigade Major m'excuseront pour aujourd'hui.

J'ay l'honneur d'etre avec un devouement entier

Monsieur

Votre tres Humble, et tres obeissant Serviteur

HENRY BOUQUET

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[Endorsed] Col: Bouquet Raestown July 15th

[TRANSLATION]

Camp near Reas Town, July 15, 1758.

Sir,

I did not receive your letter of June 27th¹ until yesterday. By I know not what chance, it was found at Littleton by Sir Allen,² in the hands of a wagoner who was bringing it from Reas Town.

I received the one of the 11th³ of this month, the day before yesterday, with your orders contained in the letters⁴ of Messrs. Grant and Halkett. I am replying to it point by point, as they come before my eyes.

I think I informed you that the settlement at Shingle clamusche⁵ is an idle fancy. According to the report of two different parties who passed there, there is no one there; and it appears that the Cherokees took Wyoming for the other.

As the Delaware Amba^s⁶ who accompanied the volunteer Dunlap on his trip to the Ohio has given good evidence of his fidelity, I have induced the Cherokees to receive him; and they are sending him a string of wampum. This Indian might be essential when we are on the spot, to push the negotiations already begun, and I have instructed Dunlap to go and look for him.

I am taking this opportunity to ask you to recommend this young man to the governor for a commission. He knows the woods like a savage, and can be of some service with the Rangers.

In spite of all the notices, orders, and frequent visits, I have not yet succeeded in making the guards vigilant, although I have never pardoned a fault of this kind.

I know of but one way to overcome the indolence of the provincial officers, which is to break one of them when the army is assembled.

The companies of workmen in Byrd's regiment are a good organization; wouldn't you find it well to form one in each Pennsylvania battalion, with one of Rangers, as soon as they are all together?

All our detachments or parties have the same marks as the Indians, a yellow band around the forehead, and a streamerlike band of the same color around the arm.

Two men were scalped, the day before yesterday, and a third taken by 6 Indians, who were said to be Cherokees, in the party which met them near Cumberland. They were pursued in an attempt to recover the prisoner, the Indians going to station themselves in the passes.

To prevent a like deception in the future, I held a great council yesterday with the Cherokees, in which I reminded them how many times they had been warned never to go out without these marks; however, they were neglecting them. I declared to them that I had given orders to all our men, to fire on all the Indians they encountered without these

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[TRANSLATION]

Camp near Raystown, July 13, 1758.

Sir,

Captain Paris,¹ after bringing his sixteen Cherokees, is going to Fort Frederic to receive his company's pay. From there he is to go to Fort Cumberland, according to your orders.

I believe that he would be very suitable to take the Little Carpenter from Winchester to Raystown, but as he is not in favor with the Virginians, and as I do not know what orders you may have given on this subject, I advised him to ask you for your wishes regarding this commission.

He says that it is not more than forty miles from Fort Frederic to Raystown by a path through the woods which would be the best route for these Cherokees.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant

HENRY BOUQUET

¹ Capt. Richard Pearis.

BOUQUET TO OURRY

[Camp near Raystown, July 13, 1758]

Letter missing, but received and acknowledged by Ourry in his to Bouquet, July 19. Bouquet's letter conveyed orders from Forbes to all of the forts to send in returns of their respective stores.

MORGAN TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21643, f. 145, A. L. S.]

[Juniata Crossings, July 13, 1758]

Honored Sir

A Sad Accidence Just now hapned as a party of our Men was Sent out to Cutt Grass for y^e wagon Horses. on their way Some Dispute hapned among them: one Charles Carty¹ of Cap^t Wards—Company Shoot at one thomas Williams²—of Cap^t Works³ Company and shoot him through the Leg, brooke the Bone: we have no Surjant⁴ hear the Man Lies in a Langwishing Condition for want of one: the Piquetts to the East ward of y^e fort will be finished this Evning we have begun to digg the trench for y^e other piquets to south of y^e fort we have three of y^e Barricks Covered

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as for y^e flatt we have no Workmen here that understands it We have a good many Planke Sawe^d for it: the Doors of y^e fort we Cannot Set up before we have the hingees I wrote to Cap^t Gorden about them but they are not Yet Come: we are at Present Busy in Lining of the fort and making the Port holes

I am Honored Sir

Your Most 'Humble Serv^{at}

JACOB MORGAN

Juniata Crossing July 13th 1758 one o'clock P. M. in hast. }[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Morgan 13th July

[Addressed] on his Maj Service To Colonel Buquett Esq pr Express.

¹ Charles Carty was later used as an express between Bedford and Fort Pitt.² Not identified.³ Capt. Patrick Work.⁴ Surgeon.

OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 11, A. L. S.]

Fort Loudoun July y^e 13th 1758

Dear Sir,

Agreable to your Directions of the 11th Instant,¹ the two Deserters² of the 2^d Battalion have been told by Cap^t Harding, that you had been so kind as to pass over their Crime for this Time & they promise to behave like good Soldiers for the future, & pray God to bless you. Cap^t Harding has appointed them to your Company for the present.

I have applied (by the same Express that carries your Dispatches to Carlisle) to the General³ for Waggon to transport the Indian Corn to Reas Town. And to S^t Jn⁹⁴ for Iron, Nails &c: Tho' by all Accounts the Gen^l is to be here Saturday or Sunday next at farthest.

I shall be punctual & Sparing in [the]† delivering of Oats.

We regret every day more & more the leaving our Arm Chests at Carlisle, Spare Arms, Pouches, Blankets, and many other necessaries being contain'd in them and greatly wanted to compleat the Men. If it was agreable to you, the Captains would be oblig'd to you, for ordering them up. I could write to the Store Keeper, to put one in a Waggon with Oats, or any other convenient load, but for this we shall wait your Directions.

The Roads for two or three Miles on each side this Fort, are very good, there being Scarce a Day but I have 15 or 20 Men at Work upon them.

† Stricken out.

marks; and if some of their men were killed, it would be their own fault. They told me that this was very just; that they would go out no more from the camp without their band; and that if those who forgot it were killed, they would not complain about it. They go scouting every day, and I am having the hunters scout the neighborhood, which will not prevent us from losing some men, because of the necessity of sending men every day to look for the horses in the woods.

Your orders⁷ were read to all the troops here, and sent to Fort Cumberland.

I have given orders that the ———⁸ route be reconnoitered. At all events, that will serve to deceive the enemy.

I am daily expecting the large party which I sent beyond the mountains; as soon as they arrive, I shall send your express to you.

Sir Allen McLean will be here tomorrow with two companies. The garrison of the Juniatta post is made up of 100 men of the new recruits and a detachment of the 2 Pennsylvania battalions, who have orders to rejoin their regiment as soon as the work is nearly finished. Captain Gordon, who went there yesterday, tells me that this will be in four days.

One company of Highlanders will stay at Littleton until you have them relieved. The other will escort the first convoy to the camp.

The provisions are arriving in abundance. Yesterday I received 70 wagons, in good condition; and to my great satisfaction, I saw good horses, which makes me hope that you may be able to choose 100 of them, fit to accompany the expedition, which I still think sufficient, with pack horses for the rest.

I beg you to have an estimate made of the number which will be necessary to carry provisions from station to station, with allowance for accidents, etc., figuring on one horse carrying one day's provisions for a hundred men.

As soon as I am reinforced by the new recruits, and the 3 battalions are formed, I will be able to send 150 or 200 men to Fr . . T . . n,⁹ with pack horses. They will be able to send out advance parties. The distance from here is about 35 miles; the path leading to the Ohio is good, but the detour is almost 80 miles.

I have found a very expeditious means of entrenching the camps. I hope that you will approve of it, for its simplicity.

The communication with this advance post will be kept open by a detachment of 30 men, also entrenched halfway.

The 500 men on the road to Fort Cumberland are making little headway because of the swamps which they must bridge with causeways, but the road will be good and not mountainous. There are about 20 miles cut.

There will be two log houses halfway,¹⁰ with bastions at the two opposite corners, flanking each other on the two sides of the road. They may serve as shelter for a detachment, and as a storehouse. This will mean a couple of days' work.

Mr. Glen intended to come here tomorrow, but as we have no shelter, I have asked him to wait some days more, so that we can build him a cabin, as we have no idle soldiers in the camp at the present time.

We have storehouses to hold 3 months' provisions for the army, and we shall build some for the baggage, etc. The planks are delaying us, although we have 10 saws at work.

There are 18 ovens built, charcoal has been made, and I am making a storehouse for hay. The 16 Indians whom Captain Paris¹¹ had brought, left us yesterday like rascals, after having solemnly promised to take part in the campaign. Perhaps I wrong their leader, but I think he rather thought to put himself forward by bringing them under the lure of getting presents for their past services, instead of seeking to make them render new services. He is not a trustworthy man, in spite of the recommendations that may be given to you at Carlisle. (He left the day before yesterday to go to Cumberland with Bosomworth.)

Gist's Catawbas and Cherokees exist only in his imagination, and are reduced to 28 Tuscaroras and Nantaways,¹² better fitted to carry off our presents than to fight. We must no longer count on any but ourselves. Yesterday I received 28 letters; I am replying to what concerns the service directly, and I hope that Major Grant and the brigade major will excuse me for today.

I have the honor to be, with complete devotion,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

HENRY BOUQUET

* An incomplete draft of this letter follows.

¹ Forbes to Bouquet, June 27, which see.

² Sir Allan MacLean.

³ Forbes to Bouquet, July 11, which see.

⁴ Grant to Bouquet, July 11, and Halkett to Bouquet, July 8, which see.

⁵ Chinklacamoose. See Bouquet to Forbes, June 11.

⁶ Ambas, Ambies, or Hambus, an Indian from Shamokin, and a companion of James Dunlap. See Forbes to Bouquet, August 9.

⁷ Not found. See Halkett to Bouquet, July 8.

⁸ Braddock's Road. See draft, which follows.

⁹ Frankstown.

¹⁰ Not located.

¹¹ Capt. Richard Pearis. See Bouquet to Forbes, July 13.

¹² Nottoways.

aussi bien anglois que Iuy, ce qui me fait craindre que ce ne soit de nos Amis les Delawar: Ils cotoyèrent à 150 Pas nos Travailleurs, et lui firent plusieurs questions particulièrement Sur l'artillerie, et quand il n'accusoit pas juste, ils lui disoient qu'il mentoit, que nous n'avions que tant de Pièces. Les Coquins ont Sans doute suivi le Convoy plusieurs Jours.

Il est tems de prendre Poste à Loyal Hannon, Et d'y commencer un Depot. J'y ay renvoyé Rhor pour tacher de decouvrir un Terrain qui ne Soit pas commandé, et reconnoître un Gap qui doit estre au Nord du Path qui traverse Lawrell Hill, et qui pourroit nous éviter cette mauvaïse descente: Je suis tres embarrassé qui envoyer pour commander à ce nouveau Poste. Si Mr le Gouverneur avoit donné le Scavoir et l'Experience à Ses Colonels avec leurs Commissions, nous ne manquions pas de Sujets, mais ils ne Servent que d'obstacles en orant le Commandement à ceux qui y Serotent propres:

J'ay transmis vos ordres^s au Col. Washington de continuer à faire battre Sa Route par de gros Partys qui Se succedent et tachent de reconnoître où la Jonction pourroit Se faire.

Un Guide^t est allé avec un officier^s de Loyal Hannon au Salt Leck Sur le Chemin de Braddock, et il raporte que les deux Chemins Sont à 16 miles de distance, au travers de Bois clairs, où Sans couper de Route, Les Chevaux de Bat peuvent passer Sans difficulté.

Les 4 Delawar^s Sont arrivés avec Dunlap et Burk Ambas est malade du flux; Je lui ai proposé et au fils de Tedyuskung^t d'aller parmi les Delawar etablis à Beaver Creek, quand il Seroit retabli: Il a absolument refusé de Se charger de la Commission, ce qui ne me paroit pas de bonne Augure. Il dit qu'en retournant à Wyoming, il pourroit engager plusieurs jeunes Delawar à nous joindre, et puisque je n'en peux tirer d'autre Party, Je le laisserai aller avec quelques Presens, et des Promesses.

Les Catawba ne Sont pas encore arrivés à Cumberland. Il nous manque deux art. essentiels du Vermillion et des Blanketts, il n'y en a pas une Seule Piece dans le Camp, Et les nuits commencent d'etre froides.

Le Major Armstrong^s est party avec Calendar et un Detachement de 100 hommes pour aller reconnoître, Si ce Party ne nous apporte pas des nouvelles, nous n'en aurons jamais. Les 35 Volontaires de Maryland Sont allés avec Eux, et j'ay remis à Calendar le Soins de diriger Burk pour aller joindre les Delawar.— Ce Burk a la reputation d'un infame Coquin mais il ne peut nous nuire beaucoup S'il nous trahit.

Le Cap^{ne} Paris^s est aussi en Campagne avec une 12^e de Volontaires; nous avons encore plusieurs Partis dehors qui ne tarderont pas à rentrer.

Je fais former un depot de Provisions a Kickeny P— et si je ne reçois point de contr'ordre, je ferai prendre Poste à Loyal Hannon, des que le Chemin Sera ouvert pour les Chariots à Kickeny Pawlins La 1^{re} divi-

sion d'artillerie avec une Proportion de Munitions poura S'avancer entre les deux Montagnes. pour deboucher des qu'elle pourra passer.

Pendant que l'on coupera les 16 miles jusqu'au nouveau Poste.¹⁰ Les Troupes qui y Seront commenceront le Retrenchement et Stores pour les Provisions.

La Garnison de Cumberland, et toute cette Communication pourroient estre composées des Draughts de toute l'armée, Pour les autres dispositions j'y penseray jusques à votre arrivée: Mr Sinclair¹¹ m'a debarassé de tous les petites details, et j'auray plus de tems pour d'autres affaires; j'ay d'Etranges Caracteres à concilier J'espere qu'ils ne vous donneront aucun des desagremens que j'ay essayés: Mr Glen est un peu indisposé nous nous Sommes promenés deux heures, ainsi il n'est pas bien mal. Il vous fait Ses Complimens et Se flatte qu'il vous verre arriver chaque Jour et que ce n'est plus la Peine de vous écrire.

Nous n'avons pas le Sol, et Si Mr Barrow ne joint pas incessamment, nous ne pourrions plus payer personne.

Nous avons receu 89 Boeufs, et 200 Sont en Chemin; Les Chevaux de Bat vont fort bien et Sont du plus grand Service pour le transport des Provisions avant que le Chemin Soit ouvert.

J'ay pensé qu'un des moyens les plus aisés et le moins dispendieux de nourrir l'armée en automne et pendant l'hiver Seroit de faire passer 1000 Boeufs au delà des montagnes le mois prochain, outre la Subsistance ordinaire, et l[es]t fumer la Chair dans de grandes Chambres construites pour cet Effect. Je vous prie de vouloir considerer ce Moyen.

Notre fourrage est encore tres abondant à 7 miles du Camp et tout le long de cette Vallée.

J'espere que vous ne marcherez pas Sans les Highl: Il y a plusieurs petits partis d'Indiens sur la Route: Je Suis avec beaucoup de Respect

Monsieur

Votre tres humble & tres obeis^t Serv^t

HENRY BOUQUET

[Endorsed] Letter Col^l Bouquet Raestown 18th Aug^t 1758

[TRANSLATION]

Raystown Camp, Aug. 18, 1758.

Sir:

I received your letters of the 9th and 15th instant.¹ You are going to be shaken up on that abominable road from Littleton, and I am afraid that weak as you must be, the fatigue of this trip might cause your relapse. So, if you are still in Shippensburg, I think that you should not leave

* William Ives, or Eives, Indian trader, is shown on the Muster Roll of Colonel John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Frederick, Aug. 8, 1758, as having deserted on July 11. *Ibid.*, f. 20. He was killed by Indians in 1763.

† Not identified.

[ENCLOSURE]

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT MARTIAL

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 40, C.]*

A Court Martial Held at Fort Cumberland the fifth Day of Febr^y 1759.

Lieu^t Linn Pres^t 1

Lieu^t Gorroll²

Ensign Mearns³ } Members

To try Such Prisoners as Shal be Brought Before them

Jn^o Ragon Corp^l confin^d By Cap^t Rich^d Pearis for Goeing from the Garrison Seven Miles Without Leave threatning to Desert if he Could Gett Any Good fellow to Goe wth Him & Insulting Ensⁿ Love⁴

The Prisoner being Examin^d Confeses he went to Isaac Colliers⁵ without Leave

✓ Geo: Teeter⁶ of Cap^t Alex^r Bealls Comp^y Being Examin^d Says that this Morning in y^e Hospital he heard the Prisoner Say that if he had but a Good Fellow wth him he Soon would Goe of for He had No Right to Doe Duty in this Place without pay

Ensⁿ Love Proves to the Court that he Saw the Prisoner on the Parade & Knowing him to be Confin^d Ordered him to y^e Inside of y^e Guard Room & Said it was a fine Usage on these words y^e Prisoner Dam^d him & the Usage too and the Prisoner Confesses he Expressed the Words

The Prisoner in His Defence Says that he thought he had No Right to Ask Leave to Goe Abroad he Serving without Pay

The Nature of the Prisoners Crime being Such that y^e Court Judges thot they have Not a Right to Pass Sentence on Such Crime it Being of too henious a Nature

W^m LINN

A True Copy of the proceedings of the Court

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Court Martial at Cumberland

* Enclosed in preceding letter from Pearis to Bouquet.

† William Linn, woodsman and scout, is shown as first lieutenant on the Muster Roll of Col. John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

‡ Lieut. James Gorrell is shown as a lieutenant and adjutant on Dagworthy's Muster

‡ Ens. Samuel Mearns.

§ Ens. Philip Love.

¶ Isaac Collier, a smith, living about 7 miles below Fort Cumberland.

¶ George Teater, or Teeter, listed as on furlough on the Muster Roll of a Maryland Company of Foot commanded by Capt. Alexander Beall, dated at Annapolis, Dec. 30, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 52.

WALLACE TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 38, A. L. S.]

New York 5th Febr^y 1759

Dear Colonell

I rec^d your fav^r 23^d Dec^r 1 dated at Fort Ligonier, & am verry glad to hear you are in good Health, after your fateaguing Campaign.

I would have had the pleasure of answering your agreeable Letter, from the Ruins of Fort DuQuesne ere not [now], but hoped for the pleasure of seeing you here.

I have wrote M^r Du Pleissis² to come & Joyn you as fast as possible, he was well when Major Prevost³ left Hallifax, & Major Prevost setts out for Boston this day, & he says he will send off M^r Du Plessis Imediately.

Col^o Young⁴ is orderd here, & expected hourly to settle with Brigad^{re} Stanwix & Prevost⁵ who are going home.

This day Major Halkett⁶ embarks in the Packett for England. We have had no Packett from England, Nor no News these three months, so we are Strangers to whats doing in the World, & greatly at a Loss here for some Directions from England for the operations of next campaign. All your Friends here are well. Col^o Haldimand⁷ & Major Munster⁸ are verry well. Your Cloathing was all sent to Philad^a some time ago, so hope you have got it ere now. Pray who have you made Paymaster in the Room of M^r Billings,⁹ as Mess^r Conyngham & Nesbitt¹⁰ of Philadelphia have orders to pay the Officers Subsistance to any person you are pleased to appoint Paymaster. I ever am with verry great Esteem & regard

D^r Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

Col^o Bouquett

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] M^r Wallace¹¹ 5th febr^y

‡ Letter not found.

‡ Ens. Louis Victor Du Plessis, or Duplessis, 60th Regiment.

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blame Coll: Dagworthy³ greatly for keeping their Present Money from them as they have Never Receiv'd one farthing of it yet I hope you'll take care to Order it here that I may be able to make Stopages for what I have advanced for them

If the Men had got that Present money when Granted by the Province, I am Confident the cheafest Part of them would abeen here yet

Inclosed you have a Return¹ of the strength of the Garrison. I am sorry to hear Gene¹ Forbes ill[ness][†] state of health. I will use all Proper means to Continue the Men untill I Receive further Orders.

I have no News

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cum^d March 17th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

P S

Sir,

I Relie on your Intrust in Regard to my Private Affaires.

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis 17th March

[*Addressed*] To Coll: Henry Bouquet In Philadelphia

[†] Stricken out.

¹ Not found.

² Col. Thomas Cresap of Oldtown, Maryland.

³ Lieut. Col. James Dagworthy, Maryland forces.

MERCER: INDIAN INTELLIGENCE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 106, C. S.]*

Intelligence Rec^d the 17th of March at Pittsburgh 1759

Thom Bull¹ the Indian Employ'd to Spy at the Lakes Arrived; he sett off from hence the 2^d Inst^t and in two Day's Reached Venango, Staid their that Night, Next Day got to Cushtolagas Town,² and the Day after in the Evening Reached La Beef³ staid their one Night and went on with three French Men to Prescile next Day. At Prescile the Garrison Consists of two Officers two Merchants a Clark Priest & 103 Soldiers as near as he could Recken by Counting them in the Barrack's, for they were not Employed about any Work. The Command^r Officers Name is Burinol⁴ with whome Bull was formerly well Acquainted and therefore

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not Suspected [his][†] of coming from us; He Treated him with great Openess, and Told him that 30 Town's of the Waweackneus,⁵ Taways,⁶ Chipaway's,⁷ Tilmatineus,⁸ and, French, Mingoes⁹ had Engaged to Join the French and come to Warr here; he saw 1500 Warr Billets ready Prepared for their Equipment; he Says likewise (but whether the Officer told him, or he Understood it from any other Person I cant make out) that the Indian's Just Ready to sett off where stoped, by the Belts and Speaches sent among them from the English, and that they had resolved to Desist, till such Time as the[y] came to Kiskiskas to here what we had said to the Delaware and their Resolution thereupon; by this they [hoped][†] were to be Guided, & if the found Peace Established, to take the Tomehock out of their Young Men's hands that yet inclined to the French, and follow the Example of their Grandfathers the Delawares,¹⁰ Accordingly a great Body 1500 of these over lake Indians ware soon Expected to Arrive at Kiskiskas. The Officer Told him that he had a councill lately with the Mingoes, and Told them he was sorry to see one half of the Mingoes Broak away to the English; he Adressed them to leave the English and come and sitt by his Fire as formerly.

They Replyed that the[y] Took the Tomehock out of their Hands and Buried it; that the[y] would do so by the English, and Advise both to Fight as formerly, over the great Water, without Disturbing their Country that they Might live in Peace with both, and that the English should return home, the French replyed the[y] would go home when ever the English moved off.

Laburinol told him he had sent a belt to the Delaware Chiefs The Bever,¹¹ Delaware George, and Cuttehegan¹² to come and Counill with him; and by Bull's Acc^t they are Desired to set of about this Time. the [first][†] Fort is a Square with four Bastions Square Log Work No Platform's raised yet, so that the[y] cant be Used, only a Small Platform in each Bastion, for a Centry, no Guns upon the Wall, but four, four, Pound Peaces lie in one of the Bastions not Mounted on Carreges. The Wall only Single Loggs, no Banket with nor no Ditch without, two Gates of an Equal Size about Ten feet wide, one Fronts the Lake about three hundre[d] Distance, the other the Road to La Beef. The Magazine is a Stone House covered with Shingles, and not sunk in the groun[d] Standing in the Right Bastion next the Lake, going to Prescile from La Beef; the other Houses Square Loggs, a Considerab[le] Quanty of Indian Good's but little Flour. 12 Battoes are every da[y] Expected to Arrive from Niagara with Provisions, the Lake being Open to within three hundred Yards of the Shore.

[†] Stricken out.

There was but two letters by the last Packet for our Battalion, one for L^t Guy^o the other I think was for the Four Companies.

¹ Not identified.

² No further identification.

³ Capt. John Joseph Schlosser, 60th Regiment.

⁴ Not found.

⁵ Probably Ens. Alexander McIntosh, commissioned May 18, 1757, in the 60th Regiment.

⁶ Col. John Young, 60th Regiment, serving as paymaster.

⁷ Probably Lieut. John Wilson, commissioned March 26, 1758, in the 60th Regiment.

⁸ Maj. Gen. Peregrine Thomas Hopson died Feb. 27, 1759, while commanding the siege of Guadeloupe. Governor of Louisbourg in 1747; of Nova Scotia in 1752; commissioned colonel of the 40th Regiment March 4, 1752. Promoted to major general on Feb. 11, 1757.

⁹ Lieut. Townshend Guy, commissioned March 24, 1758, in the 60th Regiment.

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PEARIS: DIMENSIONS OF BRIDGE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 119, A. D. S.]

Fort Cum^d March 31st 1759

A Return of the Dementions of a Bridg to be made over Will's Creek¹ supposed to be sufficient to stand any flood. With the Dementions of two Connewe's [canoes] already made for the use of his Majesty's Service at this Garrison.

	Feet	Inch ^s
The length of the Bridg	270	
The N ^o of Pillers is 6 Each Piller	24	
and	12	
The Highth	20	
The form of y ^e Pillers to be filled with stone		
The length of the large Connew is	29	
The Wedth is	2	6
The Debth is	1	7
The length of the Small Connew	20	
The Wedth	1	9
Debth	1	5

If it's thought Proper to be ordered made by these Dementions I think it will stand any Flood & will be of the utmost Service for Carrage's Passing for Pittsburg both from Virginia & Mary^d and in purticular this Garrison as Timber is very inconvenient to be got any other place then by Crossing Will's Creek, some People on their Return from Pittsburg has been oblige to stay here this 4 Days on aCount of the Creek being so high and Rapped that y^e Connew Could not Cross and likely to stay severall days longer without Swiming their horses, one ho[r]se was Drowned Yester Day attempting to swem it.

RICH^d PEARIS

¹ On the Potomac River at present site of Cumberland, Md.

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MEMORANDA: [BOUQUET?]

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 520, N.]

[C. March 31, 1759]

Md^m

- Contract for provissiens by the Ration or proviss^{ns} deliver'd by weight.
- Hospital Royal.
- Hospital Provsional
- Purchase of Horses for Waggon's already at Loyal Haning, for work, & Forrage & mending the Roads & carrying working tools &^e
- An order to pay all Carriages after desition¹ by Commis^{ys}
- Cap^t Stewart² his acco^{ts} to be paid by deduction out of the 4^d for provisions³ due to Virginia Troop's before they join'd the Provissien Contractor; are these 4^d's due by M^r Pitts letters. if so the deduction will be alter'd by Gov^r of Virginia.
- Cap^t Selby⁴ to be Capt in Maryland forces or employ'd as a Ranger.
- Batteaux to be built upon the Ohio or Mononegela
- Pensilvania standing Provin^{els} should be 1400 now not 700, great Arrears due to them of pay, & no money given to the officers even to Complete their old numbers. should be 3000.
- Maryland as yet done nothing and doubtful w^t they will do, if any thing & in great Am^t for last year & year before.
- Virginia not certain but said they only propose an Augmentation of 500, men to their Old Battalion of 1000, but hoped that M^r Pitts and Gen^l Amherst's last letters may produce more.⁵
- the four Comp^s of the first Battalion in a poor State⁶

Col^l Bouquet

Just as I was going to Seal this, I received, (by some Distress'd Country Men return'd from Pittsburgh,) a Letter¹ from Col^l Mercer, informing me that Indian Meal will not keep sweet above a few Weeks, neither in Baggs nor Granaries, therefore he proposes discouraging bringing any More, ground, as he finds it difficult to save the Quantity he has already in Store, & intends to send some to Ligonier on return'd Horses, that it may be saved before it Spoils.

Upon this I told the Country Men to carry up nothing but Flour, & [not][†] Indian Corn unground, and to acquaint their Neighbours that no more Meal, at present, nor Liquor would be received.

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] L^t Ourry 26 feb^r

[Addressed] On His Majesty's Service to Coll. Bouquet at Philadelphia
To The Care of L^t Sinclair⁷ at Carlisle

[†] Stricken out.

¹ Not found.

² Capt. Richard Pearis (often spelled Paris), who had been in Maryland service in 1758, but would receive a commission in the Pennsylvania Regiment in May, 1759.

³ Bruery Cox's (Cocke's), on Patterson Creek, between Forts Cumberland and Ashby.

⁴ See Pearis to Bouquet, Jan. 23.

⁵ Capt. Patrick Davis, Pennsylvania Regiment.

⁶ Not identified.

⁷ Lieut. James Sinclair, assistant to the quartermaster, Sir John St. Clair.

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INVOICE: INDIAN STORES

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 71, D.]

An Invoice¹ of Indian Stores sent from Fort Bedford to Fort Pittsburgh by Order of Leiu^t Ourry of the Royal American Reigment & Aide Deputy-Quarter Master General by Ambrose Newton² Conductor to the Royal Artilleary Feb^r 27: 1759

To 39 Horse Loads sent by Christopher Smith the Particulars are as followeth	Horse Master
To Blankets	468
English Match Coats	45
French Brown Match Coats	116
White old ones	5
French White Match Coats	80
Scalping Knives Dozens	27-7
Clasp Knives Dozens	73
Black and White Beads about lb.	4
Brass Rings Dozens	30
Sleive Buttons Dozens	3
Pipe Tomahokes	16
Gun Locks	23
Yellow Binding Peices	12
Gartring Peices	2
Wire about lb.	1½
Vermillion about	2
Check Shirts	18
White Ruffled	2
Aul Blades Dozens	7
Jews Harps Dozens	6-9
Some Screw Nails for the Guns	
Half thick for Stockings Yards	38¾
Strouding Half thick Yards	7
2 Peices of Strip'd Flannel Yards	17½
1 Remnant of a Peice of White Linn ab ^t 2 Shirts ..	
Blew Britch Clout Yards	11
Peices of Half thick	10
Peices of Callico	1
Pairs of Red Half thick stockings	1
Barr Lead, Peices	984
Flints about	2000
Tin Quart Mugs	16
Tin Pints Ditto	39
Indian Guns	20
Pistols	2
Silver Gorgets	18
Silver Lac'd Hats	22
White Wampum	2000
Tomahoaks	96

Barrs

[Endorsed] Indian Goods Sent to Pittsburgh

¹ This invoice was probably enclosed in Bouquet's letter to Forbes, Feb. 14.

² One of 3 conductors listed in Capt. David Hay's receipt, Feb. 21, to Henry Ward, Paymaster to the Royal Artillery in Pennsylvania. H.S.P., Gratz Collection, American Wars Series, "Papers relating to Pennsylvania Artillery Train."

N ^o	Houses	Owners names	men	Women	Children	Upper Town
N ^o 41	1	Emty House	—	—	—	
42	1	John Field ⁶⁷	1	1	1	
43	1	W ^m Gutlery ⁶⁸	1	1	—	
44	1	W ^m Brown ²	2	1	1	
45	1	John Dayley ⁶⁹	1	1	1	
46	2	John Doncastle ⁷⁰	3	—	—	
47	1	Capt ⁿ Mathers ⁷¹ & Serv ^t	2	—	—	
48	1	Emty House	—	—	—	
49	2	Daniel Soller ⁷²	1	1	—	
50	1	Jacob Nyers ⁷³	1	—	—	
51	1	Emty House	—	—	—	
52	1	Phillip Byerley ⁷⁴	2	—	—	
53	1	Fredrik Sligh ²	—	—	—	
54	2	John Hayton ²	2	—	—	
55	1	Christopher Limes ⁷⁵	—	—	—	
56	1	Emty House	—	—	—	
57	1	John Armstrong ⁷⁶ Sol ^d	1	1	—	
58	1	Emty House	—	—	—	
59	1	Fredreck Klingle ⁷⁷	1	1	—	
60	1	Sam ^l Shunner ²	1	1	1	
61	1	Henry Harshaw ⁷⁸ Sol ^d	1	1	—	
62	1	Vindot Cramer ⁷⁹	1	1	—	
63	1	Joseph Budwick ²	1	—	—	
64	1	Jhn Hilman ⁸⁰	1	1	1	
65	1	Henry Frigstaff ²	3	—	—	
66	1	Joseph M ^t Murray ²	1	1	1	
67	1	Tho ^s Walker ⁸¹	2	—	—	
68	1	Emty House	—	—	—	
69	1	John Craver ²⁴	—	—	—	
70	1	Jacob Sennet ⁸²	2	—	—	
71	1	Michael M ^t Murray ²	1	—	—	
72	1	John Mains Sol ^d 83	1	—	—	
	35		33	12	6	
	48		55	28	15	
	83		88	40	21	

Bro^t over

N ^o	Houses	Owners names	men	Women	Children	Upper Town
N ^o 73	1	Mathew Tulneck ²	1	1	1	
74	1	Hugh Henry ⁸⁴	1	1	1	
76	1	John Linsey ⁸⁵ Sol ^d	1	1	—	
77	1	Cap ⁿ Basset ⁸⁶	2	—	—	
	4		5	3	2	
	83		88	40	21	
	87	Total	93	43	23	
N ^o	Houses	Owners names	Men	Women	Children	Artillery
N ^o 1	1	Isaac Coren ⁸⁷	1	1	2	
2	1	Serj ^t Pierce ⁸⁸	1	1	—	
3	1	Rowlen Pemberton ⁸⁹	1	1	1	
4	1	John Sutton ²	1	1	—	
5	1	W ^m Venible ⁹⁰	1	1	2	
6	1	W ^m Cassaday ²	1	1	—	
7	1	Ambrose Newton ⁹¹	1	—	—	
8	1	Tho ^s Box ⁹²	2	—	—	
	8		9	6	5	

WILL CLAPHAM⁹³ Agt^t In the Works

N ^o	Houses	Owners Names	Men	Women	Children
N ^o	1	Cap ⁿ W ^m Clapham ⁹³ & Serv ^{ts}	4	—	—
	1	Cap ⁿ Barnsley & Serv ^{ts}	4	2	—
	2	The Mess House & the Generals house	—	—	—
	1	Liu ^t Roscridge ⁹⁴ & Sevats	2	2	—
	1	Serj ^t Morton ⁹⁵ Sol ^d	2	—	—
	1	John Bamer ² Sol ^d	1	1	—
	7		13	7 ⁹⁶	—
	153	The N ^o of Inhabitants	163	45	25
		the n ^o of out Lying Sol ^d	43	23	13
Total	160	Total	219	75	38

[Endorsed by Bouquet] List of the Houses and Inhabitants out of the Fort the 15th April 1761

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Copy of my Letter to Coll. Stephens the 12th April 1761

* Original not found.

¹ Stephen to Bouquet, April 1, 1761.

² Richard Williams.

³ Charles Boyle.

⁴ At one point during the early 1760s George Elder was employed as forage master at the post at Stony Creek. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 349. He worked for Pearis and Company at Fort Pitt in November, 1762, as a butcher. Chalkley, ed., *Records of Augusta County*, I, 485-486. He was among the earliest settlers of the area that became Hopewell Twp., Huntingdon County. J. Simpson Africa, *History of Huntingdon and Blair Counties, Pennsylvania* (Chicago, 1883), (Huntingdon County section), 289; Index of Warrants for Cumberland County, p. 46, Pa. Bureau of Land Records, Harrisburg, Pa. His will was probated March 14, 1800. Bedford County Will Book I, 136, Courthouse, Bedford, Pa. (LDS Microfilms), (RG-47, Pa. State Arch.).

⁵ William Clapham, Sr.

⁶ Not found.

⁷ Arthur Hamilton, commissary.

⁸ Not found under that date. When Bouquet returned from Presque Isle to Pittsburgh on Nov. 25, 1760, he found three letters waiting for him from Monckton. The instructions mentioned above are in Monckton to Bouquet, Oct. 26, 1760. See Bouquet to Monckton, Nov. 26, 1760.

[ENCLOSURE]

WEIGHTS OF STEPHEN'S BULLOCKS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21653, f. 58, A. D. S.]

An Account of the Weight of three Beeves out of a Drove Sent to this Post by Coll Stephen. The 11th March 1761.

Killed the 11 th March	1	597
	2	399
	3	382
		1378 . . . 459 Each
..... d ^o	4th	414
The 21 d ^o	5	500
The 3 ^d April	6	438
The 10 th d ^o	7	446
		1798—449½ Each

The Persons apointed to chuse the three first Bullocks, were Charles Boyle on behalf of the Contractors, & Richard Williams¹ on behalf of Coll. Stephen: The Meat was weighed in their presence by M^r Elder assistant Commissary.

Certified by me at Fort Pitt the 12th April 1761
H. BOUQUET Coll

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Weight of Coll. Stephen's Bullocks Killed at Fort Pitt 1761

¹ Possibly the Richard Williams who was deeded 100 acres in "Forks of James," in 1771, and perhaps was also the Richard Williams who served in a Botetourt County company in Dunmore's War. Chalkley, ed., *Records of Augusta County*, II, 40; Kegley, *Kegley's Virginia Frontier*, 428, 627.

AMHERST TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21634, f. 51, L. S.]*

New York, 12th April 1761

Sir,

I am to Acknowledge the receipt of Your two Letters of the 23^d & 28th March,¹ the last Accompanying two others from the Detroit,² All which Came to My hands on the 8^h Instant; Enclosed are the Duplicates of my Answers to the two Latter,³ which You will please to forward by the first Safe Opportunity that Shall Offer, the originals are gone by the way of Niagara.

By Your first Letter I See that You have drawn on M^r Mortier for the Share of the Battalion Under Your Command, in the bounty of the Charitable Society at London,⁴ that as You then knew of no Distressed object in the Battalion, Entitled to that Relief, that Sum would remain in Your paymaster's hands, till it could be Applied in a Manner agreeable to the Intentions of the Donors; And that the Names, & Merits of Such persons would be transmitted to Me. All which is perfectly agreeable to My Directions on that head; and I Shall Accordingly Expect the Names, & Merits of the Persons in the Battalion who Shall Share in that Bounty.

I am, Sir, Your very Humble Servant
JEFF: AMHERST

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Letter from General Amherst 12th April 1761,
Received the 6th May by Levy⁵

* A copy is in AP, W.O. 34/41, f. 39, P.R.O.

¹ Bouquet to Amherst, March 23, 1761, only. The last, presumably a covering letter, has not been found.

² See Bouquet to Monckton, March 28, 1761, note 1.

³ Originals and duplicates not found. Copies are in AP, W.O. 34/49, ff. 276, 277, P.R.O. The first, Amherst to Navarre, April 12, 1761, confirms Robert Navarre in the judgeship he had enjoyed under French rule; the second, Amherst to Campbell, April 12, states Amherst would garrison the western Great Lakes posts soon, would establish a regulated trade advantageous to all parties, would ask Sir William Johnson to hurry up goods to Detroit, and would order Major Walters at Niagara to get provisions ready for Detroit. Campbell was to rely upon his own discretion in carrying out his duties, and was to find out whether the French ex-commandant of Michilimackinac had been ordered to the Illinois before or after the surrender of Canada.

⁴ See Amherst to Bouquet, Jan. 16, 1761, note 1. This letter is also mentioned in the Extracts of Orders from the Generals for Pittsburgh from 26th October 1760, B.M., Add. MSS. 21657, f. 29.

⁵ Levy Andrew Levy.

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BAILLIE TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21646, f. 137, A. L. S.]

Venango April 12th 1761

Dear Sir,

I received Yours of the first,¹ by Hickman,² & shall Pay him the Overplus of his Corn. I hope you received the Acco^{ts} safe.

The Battoes arrived here the 9th in the Morning, with every thing very safe, according to the Invoice,¹ & Yesterday Morning I sent off a Battoe loaded with seven Barrels of flour, & a large Canoe, which I hired for £1. 5.—with Six Barrels, for Le Boeuf. I should have sent another Battoe, but had not Men to spare, the one I sent off the 3^d Ins^t not being returned, I have Patched up the Battoe, (I mentioned formerly)³ that wants a New Bottom, & have sent her down by the Bearer, loaded with 21 Empty flour Casks, I have likewise sent down Serj^t Bond⁴ of Cap^t Barnsleys Comp^y who is Pox'd;⁵ & James Rainholds⁶ Soldier in your Comp^y with a Bloody Flux.⁷

I am fencing in a Garden, & will have it ready for Seeds, which I hope will arrive first Opportunity, we shall want some Whiskey soon for Working Parties. &c^a there is not above a Cagg & half in Store; likewise the subsistence for the Detachment, will be out next week. Hicks is not yet come back, (that went with Hossey's Horses,)⁸ otherwise would have sent you the Voucher for his Pay. Compl^{ts} to all the Gentlemen. & am

Dear Sir Your most Ob^t Ser^t

A BAILLIE

NB: The Cagg of Pitch, mentioned in the invoice, is not above half full.

Since I wrote the above, Hicks is arrived from Le Boeuf, with the enclosed returns,¹ I had a Letter from Christie⁹ who tells me he had received all the flour I had sent him by Hossey, that he had been obliged before it arrived to give his Men only seven Pounds of Bread P^t Week, Two hundred Weight of the flour, mentioned in the return, being damaged, & that he had sent off a Boat for Niagara, Hicks says the Battoe I sent to LeBoeuf the 3^d of this Month, will get there to Night. I send you his Voucher.¹⁰

A. B.

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Lieu^t Baillie Venango April 12th 1761¹ Not found.² Joseph Hickman.³ Baillie to Bouquet, April 1, 1761.⁴ Not further identified.⁵ The word "pox" without a prefix like "small" or "cow" meant venereal disease.⁶ A private still with the battalion in 1764. Potts: Account with Bouquet, Jan. 6, 1764, B.M., Add. MSS. 21655, f. 226.⁷ Probably dysentery.⁸ Gershom Hicks and Joseph Horssey.⁹ Ens. John Christie, commanding at Presque Isle.¹⁰ Probably the document that follows.

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HICKS: RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

[P.A.C., MG 18 M, Northcliffe Collection, Series 1, Monckton Papers, XI, D. S.]

Received from L^t Baillie One Pound, fifteen Shillings, for going as a Guide & safe Guard to some Horses, carrying flour to Presqu'Isle.

Venango April 12th 1761

P: C: 1. 15. —

his

GERSHOM H HICKS

Mark.

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Hicks Receipt Presqu'Isle 12th April 1761
£1. 15. — N^o 9 £1. 15

LIST OF HOUSES AND INHABITANTS AT FORT PITT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21646, f. 139, D.]

A Return of the N^o of Houses, of the Names of the Owners and N^o of Men Women & Children in Each House

Fort Pitt April 14th 1761

N ^o	Houses	Owners Names	men	Women	Children
N ^o 1	1	John Hudess ¹ Soldir of A.	1	1	—
2	1	Ellenor Clark ²	—	1	—
3	1	Richard Rodgery ² Sol ^d	1	1	2
4	1	W ^m Marshall ³ Sol ^d	1	1	—
5	1	Joseph Woods ⁴ Sol ^d	1	1	1
6	1	Battoe Men Sol ^d	3	—	—
7	1	John Hadley ² artificers.	1	—	—
8	1	W ^m Davis ⁵ Sol ^d	1	1	—
9	1	Fredrick Dart ⁶ Sol ^d	1	1	1
10	1	Sam ¹ Rodgers ² Sol ^d	1	1	—
11	1	John Carter ⁷	1	1	1
12	1	Tho ^s Camp ⁸ Sol ^d	1	1	1
13	1	Ship Carpenters	3	—	—
14	1	John Langdale ⁹	3	—	—
15	2	John Campbell ¹⁰	5	—	—
16	1	Christopher Groves ¹¹ Sol ^d	1	1	1
17	1	John Welch ¹²	2	—	—
18	1	Thos. Kalhoon ¹³	1	—	—
19	1	Thos. Mitchell ¹⁴	4	—	—
20	1	Ephraim Blane ¹⁵	2	—	—
21	1	John Owens ¹⁶	2	1	—
22	2	Hugh Crawford ¹⁷	8	2	—
23	1	W ^m Thompson ¹⁸	2	—	—
24	1	Dennis Drogharty ¹⁹	4	—	—
25	1	Hugh McSwine ²⁰	1	1	1

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OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 448, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford July y^c 2^d 1763 2 o'Clock A.M.

Dear Sir

I had the Pen in my hand to write to you when Elliot presented me yours of the 29th I should have been disappointed if you had not, in your Convoy but as you are now on the Spot, I make no doubt but things will move brisker

This Day M^r Baltimore¹ arrived from Ligonier, with five men of his Party /that is Lems's²/ for which Post I am Still in pain, notwithstanding Lieut¹ Blane's brave & prudent Conduct, least his Garrison who are partly imprest should prove ~~abus~~ restive, in case the Enemy's Numbers Should increase, /which is too probable,/ & they make an obstinate Attack.

By the Acc^{ts} Baltimore brings the Woods are full of Indians. As to Ligonier itself I refer you to the inclosed from L^t Blane.

Yesterday morning soon after Sunrise, a Party of about 20 Indians fired upon Col¹ Croghan's Haymakers in his meadow, & killed & Scalped three men. On the first fire I sent a Party to the Assistance of the Mowers, they were 14 with Arms, & had Sentries without them in the Woods, but on the first Shot the whole run, which gave the Savages the opportunity to Tomahawk & Scalp those they could Catch. Two were brought in alive but died immediately, the third was dead being Shot thro' the body. I buried them all three in the Evening. This accident so near the Town has thrown the People in to a great Consternation, but such is their Stupidity, they will do nothing right for their own preservation.

Lochery³ whom M^r Holmes⁴ recommends for a Guide, is going down with some others of his Kidney. he has Shewn himself to be entirely unfit for such an employ, he and the generality of his Scouting Party, I have dismissed & degraded publickly, as I wrote you the day before yesterday, by a Pack Horseman, going to Shippensburg. Teeter⁵ is a good fellow, and is gone with five others to Ligonier thro the Woods.

By all M^r Blane's Letters he tells me that a Party of less than 100 must march with the greatest Caution & thro the Woods. M^r Baltimore told me as soon as he came down that he was ready to return with a dozen or 15 men if he could get them. I'll try if he will pilot L^t Campbell's Party tho' entre nous, I think it a great risk; and I shall ponder upon it between this and their Arrival and act as Circumstances may then require.

I had Scarce read the Letters brought by Doctor Randall⁶ /the Express carrying this/ from F Cumberland when Elliott arrived with yours. They are of Such importance that I would not detain him a moment but write this while he refrechess himself, and an other Horse is getting ready for him.

(Re: Samael Teeter (regard of the editorial comments, he settled in Bedford

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As it is too probable that it may be imprudent to hazzard, & perhaps impracticable to get up so small a party as 30 men, I shall be extreemly cautious to order them up, as by the Intelligence you will now receive. you will undoubtedly order another Strong detachment to make forced marches up to this Post from whence I should be glad to See one of their own Captains lead a respectable body to Ligonier, leaving me only 20 or 30 men; for every Allarm, true or false takes away all my Militia Adieu I must leave you to your F Pitt Intelligence

I am D^r Sir Y^r most humble Ser^tL^s OURRY

P.S Of two Expresses I sent to L^t Blane the 21st only one got in the 24th they went thro the Woods, but were surrounded by Indians who fired upon them, & they ran different Ways the other has not been heard of.

The 28th another desired me to employ him to go to F Pitt, Accordingly I gave him Letters & promised him a Reward. I wish he may have got Safe into Ligonier as my only motive in Sending him was to encourage that Garrison by the hopes of approaching Relief.

L: O

The inclosed for S^r W^m Johnson, Col¹ Croghan leaves open for your perusal, which you will please to Seal & forward.

/Col¹ Bouquet/

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Capt. Ourry 2^d July 1763 Received the 3^d answered the 4th

¹ Philip Baltimore was either a wagon master or the director of a horse train. He was later a Bedford County resident. See BP V, 718 note 1.

² Capt. Christopher Lems.

³ Possibly Archibald Lochry who was born on the Pennsylvania frontier, became a leader in Westmoreland County, and was killed in 1781 while leading volunteers to a rendezvous with George Rogers Clark's forces at Wheeling in preparation for a campaign against western Indians. Reuben Gold Thwaites and Louise Phelps Kellogg, eds., *Frontier Defense on the Upper Ohio, 1777-1778* (Madison, Wis., 1912), 39-40n. Archibald Lochry's brother, William Lochry, was also a militia leader in Westmoreland County. *Ibid.*, 139n.

⁴ Probably the John Holmes who held a Proprietary land grant on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. BP V, 638 note 4.

⁵ Not identified. Possibly this was the George Teeter of the Maryland forces mentioned in BP III, 102, 103 note 6, but there was a family of Teeters present at several times and places on the Maryland and Pennsylvania frontiers.

⁶ Not identified.

[*Endorsed by Bouquet*] Agreement⁵ with M^r John M^cCullough for Flour & Horses for Musket Balls 4th July 1763 & Letter to the Gov^r

¹ Andrew Montour, frequently called Henry Montour, was an Oneida Indian who often served as an emissary, interpreter and occasionally a war party leader for Sir William Johnson. The son of Madam Montour (1667-1753) — the daughter of a French Canadian and an interpreter herself — and an Oneida chief, he performed services for both the Virginia and Pennsylvania governments. He was killed by a Seneca Indian in 1772. Wallace, *Indians in Pennsylvania*, 178.

² On May 5, 1763, Sir William Johnson had given Montour instructions to proceed from Johnson Hall to the Seneca village of Chillisquaque, which was on the eastern shore of the West Branch of the Susquehanna, about five miles north of the point where the branches separate. He was ordered to placate the Indians with regard to their losing their lands, and to gather intelligence. Johnson to Henry Montour, Sullivan *et al.*, eds., *Sir William Johnson Papers*, IV, 110-111. On June 27 Indians arriving at Fort Augusta reported having seen Montour at the Iroquois village of Tioga, on his way from Johnson Hall. On July 27 he arrived at the fort in a canoe and left in the evening. Journal kept at Fort Augusta, 1763, entries of June 27 and July 27, *Pa. Arch.*, 2d Ser., VII, 436, 439.

³ On August 7 Montour came back to Fort Augusta from the West Branch of the Susquehanna to give the false tale that Pittsburgh and Fort Ligonier had fallen to the Indians. He also said that the Indians were watching Bouquet's expedition march toward Pittsburgh, awaiting the moment to attack. *Ibid.*, entry of Aug. 7.

⁴ On Nov. 2, 1762, Thomas McKee wrote Sir William Johnson reporting that Montour lived about six miles from Fort Augusta. Sullivan *et al.*, eds., *Sir William Johnson Papers*, III, 925.

⁵ The agreement is copied on the upper portion of f. 185 and is included in the Microfiche Supplement. This John McCullough could not have been the Indian captive John McCulloh or McCullough mentioned in *BP V*, 525-526.

BOUQUET TO OURRY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 450, C.]

Carlisle 4th July 1763

Dear Sir

I recd last Night, your Packet containing the unexpected Account of the Loss of our out Posts.

Humanity makes me hope that Christie¹ is dead, as his scandalous Capitulation for a Post of that Consequence, & so impregnable to Savages, deserves the most severe Punishment: The Shame of that Action will be a lasting Blot upon the Corps he belonged to. I hope that the Conduct of those who remain will be worthy of Men of Honour, who know how to meet Death with Firmness, if their Duty & the Service of their Country require it; and who would scorn to disgrace themselves by the least Appearance of a dishonorable Act.

I shivered when you hinted to me L^t Bl---'s² Intentions. Death & Infamy would have been the Reward he could expect instead of the Honour he has obtained by his Prudence, Courage & Resolution. This is certainly a most trying Time, but if we don't support the weak & wavering Multitude,

what must be the Consequence? You may be sure that all the Expedition possible will be used for the Relief of our few remaining Posts; but Prudence requires we should proceed with the greatest Circumspection. The Body of Troops I expect daily is the only present Resource of this Part of the Country, open to all the Ravages of that bloody Race. Should we meet with a Check, the Consequences are evident: However I shall move, I hope, on the 9th Instant, and, as soon as the third Company crosses the River, shall send you a Reinforcement for your Post. I have not recd your Letter by the Packhorse Man, giving an Acc^t of Lochery's Misconduct: Those Villains must be publickly exposed to the Infamy they deserve, as I have served the Packhorse Men who deserted from Ligonier. I am not of M^r Blane's Opinion that 100 Men can force their Way into Ligonier, as they are evidently more easily discovered, & I think a small Party with a good Guide to lead them through the Woods has a better Chance to throw themselves into the Fort. I wish Teeler³ was not gone there as he would have been a proper Person to pilot the Party of Highlanders, which it is of the highest Importance to throw into that Post. If they were to march in the Night & lie by in the Day, I think it practicable to pass undiscovered. Nothing can be done without some Risk, and it is of less Consequence to expose a Party than a Post upon which the Preservation of the other so much depends. As my Letters for Ligonier & F: Pitt are of Consequence, I beg you will get them forwarded different Ways: Perhaps Fort Cumberland Road will be less watched. You say nothing of the Musket Balls from F: Cumberland: We have none here, & shall want them: When you receive a Reinforcem^t you will see whether, with some Assistance you can get some brought to you before I come up. M^r Read tells me that a Merc^t has some Salt at Bedford. I shall now transcribe what the General says concerning you — "I have perused Capt Ourry's Letters & entirely approve of his Measures for the Security of F: Bedford & the Communication. The Behaviour of the Inhabitants in so rashly throwing themselves into the Power of the Indians, without the least Intention & Resolution to defend themselves, is indeed very unaccountable, & attended with bad Consequences, as it encourages the Savages to repeat their Attempts. My Opinion, with Regard to the Indians that are in our Power, is that they should remain as Prisoners, as I am convinced they would be among the first, were they let loose, that would join the others." So far the General.

Sir John S^t Clair is ordered up; Capt Hay, Lieu^t Mitchelson & the Remains of Artillery Men. In a Word, every thing that would march or crawl the Gen^l sends to us; but he has no more, & we must make the best c^t them, till the Provinces support us with all their Might.

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Farewell, my dear Sir, mix Oyl with Vinegar & try to make a good Salad of your Militia, while they are so necessary. Please to seal & forward L^t Blane's Letter, which I leave open for your Perusal

I am &c
/signed/ HENRY BOUQUET^d

Capt Ourry

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter to Capt Ourry dated Carlisle 4th July 1763

¹ Ens. John Christie, who had commanded the garrison at Presque Isle.

² Lieut. Archibald Blane, commanding Fort Ligonier, who Ourry had previously suggested might surrender to the Indians.

³ Apparently a misspelling of Teeter.

⁴ Not in Bouquet's handwriting.

WOODS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21649, f. 224, A. L. S.]

[Juniata Crossings, July 4, 1763]

Sir

the Indeans is playing on us in all quartrs I have been at this post with two Regilrs and four Vollenters this week Pas and on the arriv^l of the Hilenders. Cap^t Ourry sent us two More and M^t Croghan sent five of his Vollenters the whole amounts to 13 men, which if We had aney Place to Defind our selves I think we Cold stand a smart attick, but the for^t being all out of Repair, we have took to My hous and prepaired it as well as possable to Difend^d our selves, the Vollentirs thretins Going away Every Day, I hop Your Honn^r will take us to Consideration as well for our safety, as also, for the Real Needessety of keeping up the post, being allmost the only Pass on the Line

I am Sir Your Hum^l Serv^t
GEO WOODS

Crossings, July the 4th 1763. Coll^o Boquet.

[Endorsed by Bouquet] M^t Geo: Wood 4th July 1763 Received the 11th
Answ^d the same day¹

¹ Answer not found.

HAMILTON TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21649, f. 235, A. L. S.]

Philad^a July 6th 1763.

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the favour of your several letters of the 19^o of June,¹ 2^o & 3^o of this instant, the last containing the Shocking Account of

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the taking of three of Our Forts and murdering the Garrisons by the Savages. from them I reckon upon the commencement of a general Indian Warr, but when it will have a period God knows. in the mean time, it cannot but be attended with infinite mischief to these Colonies, as well by the heavy expence it will occasion, as by retarding the progress of their settlement; for I would willingly flatter my self, that in the End, they will be obliged to sollicit the peace they have so wantonly broken.

As this Express is just setting off, I was unwilling to miss the Opportunity of informing You as soon as possible, that the Assembly by a resolve of this Day have Authorized and in conjunction with the Provincial Council to take into pay seven hundred Men till the next meeting of that House which is the 9^o of Septem^r to be employed in protecting the Frontier Inhabitants, and that the pay is Settled on Such funds as will not occasion any disputes between Us. And also that a Bill will be passed to Morrow for Compelling the Inhabitants to furnish Carriages &c for the King's service agreeable to the General's Request. Considering how numerous and determined the Indians are represented to be, I am in pain for your Convoy to Fort Pitt. I shall set about giving Orders for raising the Men the Moment the Assembly rises which will be to Morrow. Pray Communicate to me what You think worth my knowing, as in return I shall do to you. The Express is waiting. I am with great regard

Sir Your Most Obed^t humble Serv^t
JAMES HAMILTON

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed by Bouquet] Letter from Governor Hamilton dated the 6th July 1763. Received the 8th at noon

¹ Not found. The raised "o" is the type character most closely resembling the idiosyncratic symbol Hamilton used following all date numerals.

² The letter printed as Bouquet to Hamilton, July 1, 1763, is probably a copy of the letter of July 2 which the copyist incorrectly headed "1st July." The original letter, of course, has not been found.

J. AMHERST TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21634, f. 313, L. S.]*

New York 7th July 1763.

Sir,

Last Night I received your Letter of the 29th June; and Early this morning an Express Brought me that of the 3^d Instant.

The Loss of Presque'Isle (which I Fear is too True, altho' it may happen that the Soldier who gives the Account may prove to be a Deserter)¹ gives me great Concern: But it must make no Alteration in my Plan: There seems

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1765				
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for Josiah Davenport	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for William Guttire	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for William Beatty	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for Thomas Colhoon	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for John Fleming	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for William Herbert	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for Daniel Hart	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for George Beard	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for John Metcalfe	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for Marcus Hullins Sr	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for William Thompson	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for Benjamin Sutton	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for John Doran	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Barnabas Raggan	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Richard and William McMichan	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Capt William Trent	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Andrew McFarland	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Jame Flemming	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Neal McColon	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Joseph Mitchell and John Davison	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Isaac Irwin	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Frederic Clinget	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Henry Smith	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Philip Atkinson	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for George Taub and John Donald	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for John Graber	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Alexander Hotton	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for William Christie	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Samuel McClure	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/25/64	Pay Voucher for Joseph Dunlap	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for Patrick Campbell	Carlisle	CG	DS

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1765				
ENCLOSED 4/24/64	Pay Voucher for John McAlester	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/15/64	Bouquet: Account for Pay Due Fort Ligonier Militia for 1763 Service	Phila	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/15/64	Pay Voucher for James McGaway	Lancaster	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/15/64	Pay Voucher for James Gaudie	Lancaster	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/15/64	Pay Voucher for Philip Boyle	Lancaster	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/15/64	Pay Voucher for Robert Swaney	Lancaster	CG	DS
✓ ENCLOSED 4/15/64	Pay Voucher for Samuel Teeters	Lancaster	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for John Wittner	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Eleazar Myers	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Edward Butler	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Thomas Small	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Robert Cuthbertson	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Michael Pearse	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Jacob Myers	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Andrew and Michael Byerly	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Frederic Sever	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Samuel Brady	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for John Clark	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Samuel Shannon	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Richard Shannon	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for William Bilbo	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for William Sample	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for William Wiley	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for John Brown	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Voucher to Ourry to Pay 9 Rangers	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Philip Baltimore	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Charles Recker	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for William Congelton	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for William Walker	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Isaac Stimble, Robert Rogers, and Andrew Bonjour	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for John Giffen	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Nathaniel Miller	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for John Higgins	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for James McPharland	Carlisle	CG	DS
ENCLOSED 4/19/64	Pay Voucher for Robert Frier	Carlisle	CG	DS

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(Original spellings retained)

The following are letters of Colonel Henri Bouquet, (1719-65) Swiss soldier in the British service in America, second in command under General John Forbes of the expedition against Fort Duquesne in 1758 and in the following year, to his superior and others as they apply to Captain Richard Pearis; and also communications received from Captain Pearis. Col. Bouquet operated in the Pennsylvania arena. Since he spoke no English, the letters he wrote are translations from the French.

Camp near Raystown, July 13, 1758.

Sir,

Captain Paris,¹ after bringing his sixteen Cherokees, is going to Fort Frederic to receive his company's pay. From there he is to go to Fort Cumberland, according to your orders.

I believe that he would be very suitable to take the Little Carpenter from Winchester to Raystown, but as he is not in favor with the Virginians, and as I do not know what orders you may have given on this subject, I advised him to ask you for your wishes regarding this commission.

He says that it is not more than forty miles from Fort Frederic to Raystown by a path through the woods which would be the best route for these Cherokees.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant

HENRY BOUQUET

Section of letter of 15 July 1758:

There are 18 ovens built, charcoal has been made, and I am making a storehouse for hay. The 16 Indians whom Captain Paris¹¹ had brought, left us yesterday like rascals, after having solemnly promised to take part in the campaign. Perhaps I wrong their leader, but I think he rather thought to put himself forward by bringing them under the lure of getting presents for their past services, instead of seeking to make them render new services. He is not a trustworthy man, in spite of the recommendations that may be given to you at Carlisle. (He left the day before yesterday to go to Cumberland with Bosomworth.)

Gist's Catawbas and Cherokees exist only in his imagination, and are reduced to 28 Tuscaroras and Nantaways,¹² better fitted to carry off our presents than to fight. We must no longer count on any but ourselves. Yesterday I received 28 letters; I am replying to what concerns the service directly, and I hope that Major Grant and the brigade major will excuse me for today.

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Evidently by 18 August 1758 the Cherokee scouts are cooperating and Bouquet is no longer angry with Captain Pearis. He writes, "...The Catawbas have not yet arrived at Cumberland. We are in need of two essential articles, vermilion and blankets. There isn't a single one in camp, and the nights begin to be cold.. Captain Paris is also in the field with a dozen volunteers; we have several other parties out, which will not be long returning."

Captain Pearis and his Indians have been out scouting toward Fort Duquesne when Captain James Burd writes to Bouquet from "Camp at Quemahony 28th August 1758 8 A.M...Captn Paris is just arrived here who informs me that he had been in sight of Fort Duquesne but found it impracticable to take a Prisoner & that Major Armstrong is upon his return. Neither of these partys has brought any further intelligence than that they saw the Fort & the Sixty Tents, the troops they Judge to be but a small Number, they say they heard a great deal of Noise over the River Ohio which seem'd to be falling of Trees, perhaps the Body of the French may be on the side of The River Fortifying there..We are very much in want of Bullocks if some could be forward soon it would be well..."

The company calendar indicates that companies under various commanders arrived from Raystown to Loyalhanna at varying dates. Major Grant marched prematurely from Loyalhanna with a large detachment to reconnoiter at Fort Duquesne on Sept. 9th, and was defeated by the 14th, losing many men.

Captain Pearis is not mentioned by Bouquet that year, probably because not directly under his command, but we know from other sources that General John Forbes took command of Fort Duquesne on 25 Nov. 1758, the French having fled only hours before. Captain Pearis and his Indian scouts were the first to arrive and go inside, just in time to save some abandoned supplies including Indian stores, from going up in flames, set by the departing enemy.

Francis Halkett writes to Bouquet "from Camp at the foot of the East side of the Alleganey 29th December 1758..The General is inform'd from Captain Paris that the Marylanders are deserting in great numbers from Ft. Cumberland, and at the same time acquaints him, that their Assembly has made no provision for their maintenance. But this he can say nothing to, as he has not heard from Governor Sharp for this Month past, tho it is very contrary to what he then inform'd him and which you may easily imagine, occasions great surprise..."

Captain Pearis had been in command of Maryland troops in 1757/8; but that province abruptly decided to curtail funds as of 1759. The situation of being forced to retain his troops at Fort Cumberland with no funds to pay them was to cause him great anguish in the ensuing months, as following pages show. On 3 May 1759 he accepted a commission in the Pennsylvania Regiment, New Levies. Many of his men followed his lead, but in the meantime many problems occurred due to lowered morale of the troops.

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PEARIS TO [FORBES]

[S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 90, f. 19a, C. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 9, 1759]

Sir/

I think it my Duty to let you know that I never had the Complement of Men at this Fort agreeable to your Orders. the most I could get here was Ninety Rank and File, and out of them you'll see by the Return¹ how Many is Deserted since my last. Notwithstanding all I can do with them and have Done, without Money verry soon to Pay them I don't expect there will be in a Short time any Body to Garrison this Fort but Officers, we have given them Shoes and other things but all wont do.

Sir I just beg leave to Mention Altho it was your Pleasure to Order me to this Post so that I cant have the Honour of Waiting on you without its your Pleasure. Altho' Absent have grate reason to think that you'll not forget my Past service in the late Campaign and if you are Pleas'd to think me worthy of your Favour am in hopes you'll Recommend or Reward me Accordingly.

I am Sir

your most Obedient Humble Servant

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cumberland January 9th 1759

¹ Not found.

COURT OF INQUIRY CONCERNING WILLIAM DARLING
Held by Order of Col. Bouquet at Fort Bedford Jany ye 20, 1759
President--Capt. Curry. Members--Lieut Hubbard, Lieut Gorril

Was examined William Darling, confin'd by Captn. Pearis, on Suspicion of embezzling two of His Majesty's Horses.

Captⁿ Pearis informs the Court, that one Varnell (who had accompnied the Prisoner from Fort Cumberland home) had inform'd him Cap^t Pearis that the Prisoner had bragg'd to him of the fine Hawl he had made in his Trip to Ft Cumberland having, as he said, got a Mare worth ten Pounds & a Horse worth about five. And that the said Darling in coming back brought the Mare part of the Way, in order to dispose of her, but would not bring her so far as Cumberland, lest she should be own'd & taken from him. That upon this information he, Captⁿ Pearis, sent for the Prisoner, and tax'd him with carrying off the King's Horses. And as

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the Prisoner could not give a Satisfactory Account, for being in Possession of them Captⁿ Pearis order'd him to be confin'd 'till he procur'd Bail for his appearing in eight Days, & producing the two Horses.

The Prisoner being ask'd, by the Court, what right he had to take the Mare out of the Fort says, that he claim'd her, as his Brother's Property, and on that Claim obtained Leave to take her away. being ask'd if he attempted to send her back, or acquaint the Commanding Officer at Ft Cumberland of his mistake, answers, not 'till he was sent for, which Captⁿ Pearis says, was more than three Weeks after taking her away

The Prisoner says also that he gave 25 Shillings for her to a Soldier of the 2^d Virginia Regim^t And as to the Horse, he says, he took his from *Jo: Goolding, & Dan^t McFall, out of Pitty, that he might not Suffer by hunger. The Prisoner informs the Court that Varnell had a parcell of Tires, &c: conceal'd under his Bed, which he believes belong to the King's Waggon at Fort Cumberland.

L^s OURRY

* belonging to Capⁿ Rob^t McKenzie's Company 1^t Virginia Regm^t

*Endorsement*³

January the 22^d The said Darling was releas'd from the Guard; being bail'd by John Cockendall, in a Bond of two hundred Pounds Sterling for his appearance at Hamshire Court⁴ the 17th of March next insuing

[†]Original is in the Haldimand Papers, B. M., Add. MSS. 21682. A transcription of the original is in the Public Archives of Canada, Haldimand Papers, Vol. B 22 (ff. 26-27), but it does not contain several sentences found in this Dalhousie document.

¹Lieut. Edward Hubbard, Virginia forces.

²Lieut. James Gorrell, adjutant and lieutenant in Dagworthy's Maryland forces at Fort Cumberland.

³The Public Archives of Canada transcription adds Capt. Richard Pearis' signature to the endorsement.

⁴Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

Per Curry's Journal kept at Bedford, on Tues. January 1759,
"Received William Darling, Waggoner sent Prisoner by Capt. Pearis for embezzling the Kings Horses. Confin'd him on the Gaol in the Fort." Capt. Pearis & Lieut. Gorrell came from Ft. Cumberland Saturday the 20th and left for Ft. Cumberland Mon. AM the 22nd.

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BOUQUET TO MARYLAND TROOPS

Fort Bedford January 22, 1759

To the Soldiers of the Maryland Forces in garrison at Fort Cumberland.

Gentlemen

As it is represented to me by Cap^t Rich^d Pearis that you have received no Pay¹ for a considerable Time, by which deficiency you are reduced to such distress that you think of abandonning the Fort if not relieved in a Short time.

I have there upon thought proper to let you know that the money lately voted by your Province as a gratification for your past good services, Shall be punctually paid to you, according to the Intentions of the Government, without any deduction for the advances you may have received from time to time, which advances are to be Stopped afterwards when you receive your full Pay: and in order to enable you to wait a few days for your Share of the above Gratification, I have impowred Cap^t Pearis to advance 20 Sh. to Each man, which Shall be deducted from y^e Said Gratification.

And whereas the Settling of your arrears and Pay requires Some time; I do expect from your Fidelity, honour, and duty, that you Shall wait patiently untill the 15th of March next by which time, and perhaps sooner, I hope to See all your affairs Settled to your satisfaction;

I place such Confidence in you that I make no doubt of your ready Compliance to my desire, and I think you too wise to loose by a precipitate and rash Step, the fruit of all your Labours, your reputation, and your Money.

I propose [going][†] to set out to morrow¹ for the settlements where I Shall represent in the Strongest terms to the General your Situation, and the Justice of your demands, and Shall inform Cap^t Pearis of the Success of my solicitations in your favour.

It has been reported to me that one Balsar Kern² a Soldier Should have Spread among you false Reports from me. That I had offered him ten Pistoles to Enlist in the R. A. R. and other infamous Insinuations tending to dispirit the Garrison, and make you take wrong and pernicious

[†] Stricken out.

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measures: I therefore have thought it necessary to inform you myself that I never did Speak to, or even Saw the Said Balsar Kern, who has basely and maliciously contrived the above falshood to bad Purposes: Therefore I have given Strict orders to Cap^t Pearis to have the Said Balsar Kern tried by a Court Martial, and punished with the utmost severity of the Law against Such Seditious discourses.

I recommand you again to have Patience, till you hear from me, which will be in a Short time, and to continue to do your duty in Such a manner as to inforce my Recommandations in your behalf and you may depend upon my utmost Endeavours to See you righted in your Pretensions.

Given under my hand at Fort Bedford the twenty Second day of January 1759

[no signature]

[Endorsed] Letter written to the Maryland Soldiers 22^d Jan^r 1759

* Original not found; another copy is in S.R.O., Dalhousie Muniments, GD 45/2, item 86,

COLONEL BOUQUET TO GENERAL FORBES

Fort Bedford January 23, 1759

Sir:

I have seen with much pleasure from your letter of the 14th that you were so near Philadelphia, and that your trip in such a bad season has not made your condition worse. I trust that the rest and care you will find in the city will soon restore your strength and health....

(As we know from history, General Forbes died in Philadelphia soon after this.) He goes on to report on conditions. There were many things needing attention, and among them he encloses a copy of the letter above which he has just sent to the Maryland soldiers..

Captain Pearis arrived here yesterday from Cumberland, and told me that the garrison had resolved to abandon the fort, as they no longer wished to serve without receiving their pay. With a great deal of trouble he made them promise to stay until he had spoken to me.

He informed me that the province of Maryland had voted £1500 to be distributed as extra pay to their troops, on the refusal of the Council to pass the bill for their pay and arrears.

The soldiers who are at Fort Frederic have received their share of this extra pay, and Lieutenant Colonel Dagworthy² must have the rest for the troops which are at Cumberland, but he has not written a word since his departure, and the soldiers make very insolent remarks regarding him and this money.

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In the hope that the province will finally provide their pay, or the government if they default, I thought it my duty to prevent the complete desertion of these men by the only means which lay in my power, which was to write them the enclosed letter,³ which I hope you will approve under the existing circumstances. Pearis believes that they will make no difficulty about remaining on that footing until March 15th, a sufficient time to make a decision regarding them. I shall learn their decision by express.

The number of horses and wagons stolen during the campaign is so great that I have no doubt you will order search warrants in the three provinces. These rogues will betray one another, and punishing them will prevent similar crimes in another campaign.

Captain Pearis sent me a prisoner, a Virginia farmer,⁴ who stole two horses. I had him examined by a court of inquiry, and released under bail of 200 pounds Sterling.

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[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 20, A. L. S.]

Sir

I am sorry I have to inform you that on the twenty first Ins^t at Night Deserted from here Serj^t Fill^l and fourteen Men with him Notwithstanding the Promises they Made to me, agreeable to your Orders I Read your letter² to those Remaining, they all Return you hartly thanks for your kind Proposals, and Care for them, and says they will do their Duty with Spirit agreeable to your Request untill the 15th of March, I beleave if those that Dcserted on the twenty first, had not been gon before I Came home they would not gon. tomorrow Morning I send Ensign Love³ with the Cppy of your letter after those that are gon hoping that it will have the Desired Effect on them to Return. I also send a copy to Governor Sharpe with a list⁴ of the Deserted in hopes he will send some of them Back in Case they go to Annapolis, Balser Kern shall be tryed to morrow the Rest of the men Appeares to be Much Displeased with him for his false seditious Reports.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Hum^l Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cumbr^d Jan^r 23^d 1759 9 O Clock

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[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis 23^d Jan^r

[*Addressed*] To Coll: Henry Bouquet

¹Sgt. John Fell is shown on duty at Raystown, on the Muster Roll of a Maryland Company of Foot commanded by Col. John Dagworthy, dated at Loyalhanna, Nov. 12, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 22. On Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759, Fell is shown as having deserted on Jan. 22, 1759. *Ibid.*, f. 26.

²Bouquet to Maryland Troops, Jan. 22.

³Ens. Philip Love is listed on Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Loyalhanna, Nov. 12, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 22.

⁴A list of deserters appears on Dagworthy's Muster Roll dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. *Ibid.*, f. 26.

PEARIS TO OURRY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 36, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, January 31, 1759]

D^r Sir

Since I have Wrote¹ my sentiments to Coll: Bouquet and you, I am informed by M^r Love² that Coll: Dagworthy sent 100 pounds of the Present Money to M^r Riley³ who is now Deceased to bring here for the Men at this Garrison, I Cant see the Reason why he Did not send the whole without he Intends to Defraud them out it, as the Men says, for I think he has no Right to make any stopages. Also, I have Just heard by M^r Love that Coll Dagworthy gave privit Orders Orders to M^r Lenox⁴ unknown to me who he new [was]† was to Command untill he Came, to let aney of the Men have furloughs that wanted them which he has don without my leave Notwithstanding the Generalls orders for 100 men to be kept here, this I would beg you would aquaint Coll: Bouquet with or enclose this to to him, Am Quite tired of this Command without Matters were Carried on in a more Juster manner than has Been

I am Sir your most obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Ja^r 31, 1759

To Cap^t Ourry

[*Endorsed*] Capⁿ Pearis F^t Cumberland, Jan^r 31, 1759:

[*Addressed*] To Lewes Ourry ade Quarter Master General at Fort Bedford

† Stricken out.

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[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 42, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, February 5, 1759]

Sir

I send you Inclosed the Proceedings¹ of a Court Martial held to try Corpo^l Ragon² of Coll: Dagworthys Company where in You'll see what insulting Mutenus behaviour Rains amongst the Men of this Garrison Notwithstanding y^e Money I have paid them Agreeable to your Orders, and the Promises made by them. I have sent the above Ragon Prisoner to Fort Bedford untill your Pleasure is known, knowing him to be a Soer of Muteney amongst the Rest. I Also send you a Return of what Horses loaded with flower has passd for Pitsburg since my last many more yet following, According to Your Order I sent to William Rosses,³ who was Accused by Creasep⁴ for Concealing some of his Majestys Horses where Ensign Mearns⁵ found three two of which appeares to belong to the Virginia Officers and one to his Majesty Ross says he took them up in the Woods, also Ross informes [me]† on one Eves⁶ and one Plum⁷ who lives at Cresaps that they have Conceald ten or twelve of his Majestys Horses, Cresaps Servant Man Confirms what Ross says, only he says ther is but seven of them Belongs to the King I have sent an officer to bring both Men and Horses in Case they are taken, would [be glad]† Be Glad to Receive Your Orders how to Proceed, Nothing else Extrodinary

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient & most Hum^l Ser^t

RICH^d PEARIS

F^t Cumb^d Febr^r 5th 1759

To Coll: Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis febr^r 5th

[*Addressed*] To Coll: Henry Bouquet [Philadelphia]† at York Town.

† Stricken out.

¹ See Proceedings of Court Martial which follow.

² Cpl. John Ragon is listed on the Muster Roll of Col. John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. Ragon and a Corporal James Nowell are shown there as having deserted on April 16. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

³ William Ross had a home on the South Branch of the Potomac River. Deposition of Davis Morgan, May 10, 1757, *Archives of Maryland*, XXXII, 250-251.

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*Thomas Cresap, or Cressop, frontier leader, had a settlement near present-day Oldtown, Md.

*Ens. Samuel Mearns, surgeon, is shown on Dagworthy's Muster Roll, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759, as having transferred from Captain Francis Ware's Maryland Company on Dec. 30, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

*William Ives, or Eives, Indian trader, is shown on the Muster Roll of Colonel John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Frederick, Aug. 8, 1758, as having deserted on July 11. *Ibid.*, f. 20. He was killed by Indians in 1763.

*Not identified.

[ENCLOSURE]

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT MARTIAL

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 40, C.]*

A Court Martial Held at Fort Cumberland the fifth Day of Feb^{ry} 1759.

Lieu^t Linn Pres^t 1

Lieu^t Gorroll²

Ensign Mearns³ } Members

To try Such Prisoners as Shal be Brought Before them

Jn^o Ragon Corp^l confin^d By Cap^t Rich^d Pearis for Goeing from the Garrison Seven Miles Without Leave threatning to Desert if he Could Gett Any Good fellow to Goe wth Him & Insulting Ensⁿ Love⁴

The Prisoner being Examin^d Confesses he went to Isaac Colliers⁵ without Leave

++++ Geo: Teeter⁶ of Cap^t Alex^r Bealls Comp^y Being Examin^d Says that this Morning in y^e Hospital he heard the Prisoner Say that if he had but a Good Fellow wth him he Soon would Goe of for He had No Right to Doe Duty in this Place without pay

Ensⁿ Love Proves to the Court that he Saw the Prisoner on the Parade & Knowing him to be Confin^d Ordered him to y^e Inside of y^e Guard Room & Said it was a fine Usage on these words y^e Prisoner Dam^d him & the Usage too and the Prisoner Confesses he Expressed the Words

The Prisoner in His Defence Says that he thought he had No Right to Ask Leave to Goe Abroad he Serving without Pay

++++Particular attention should paid to George Teter (or Teeter) above, for this young soldier married Captain Richard Pearis' daughter Sarah three years later, thus becoming our ancestor. See also footnote 6, next page.

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The Nature of the Prisoners Crime being Such that y^e Court Judges thot they have Not a Right to Pass Sentence on Such Crime it Being of too henious a Nature

W^m LINN

A True Copy of the proceedings of the Court

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Court Martial at Cumberland

* Enclosed in preceding letter from Pearis to Bouquet.

*William Linn, woodsman and scout, is shown as first lieutenant on the Muster Roll of Col. John Dagworthy's Company, dated at Fort Cumberland, April 26, 1759. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 26.

*Lieut. James Gorrell is shown as a lieutenant and adjutant on Dagworthy's Muster Roll. *Ibid.*

*Ens. Samuel Mearns.

*Ens. Philip Love.

*Isaac Collier, a smith, living about 7 miles below Fort Cumberland.

*George Teater, or Teeter, listed as on furlough on the Muster Roll of a Maryland Company of Foot commanded by Capt. Alexander Beall, dated at Annapolis, Dec. 30, 1758. Md. Hist. Soc., Muster Rolls, 1757-1759, f. 52.

Captain Lewis Curry's letter to Col Bouquet does mention Captain Pearis, and it appears they worked together in a very congenial, cooperative way, but it is printed here in its entirety partly to show what it was like to be a Quartermaster in those trying times.

OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 37, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Feb^{ry} y^e 9th 1759

Dear Colonel

Captain Pearis,¹ who has sent me two Loads of Hay, acquaints me that Several Horses have been found, conceal'd by divers Persons, who, as soon as detected, discover others, which he has sent an Officer to take up, And he asks my Opinion, what he is to do with them. I told him I would write to receive your Directions on that head. But in the meantime I thought he would do well to make them produce the Horses immediately, and give Bond for their appearance at the next Court; and to make what Discoveries he could by taking Depositions of all Informers

As I have now, many Horses up here, and plenty of Forrage, I hope to send you soon agreeable Returns of the Provisions in the upper Garrisons.

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The Horses gone by Bradocks Road, have met with some obstacle or other, for 'tho' 196 had passed by Fort Cumberland between the 23^d of January & the 5th Inst not one was arrived at Pittsburgh the 3^d as Col^l Mercer informs me. But a Suttler who left that Place the 3^d at Night, tells me that Intelligence was just brought to the Colonel, of upwards of 200 Horses being within 20 Miles, and that he sent out a Party to meet them. So I make no doubt of their being arrived now. The 196 that I know of, were loaded as Pr inclosed Return.²

As I suppose I shall be order'd down very Soon I would be glad to know, whether any body is coming to releive me, or if I am to leave the transacting of this Business to the Commanding Officer,³ to whom I have hinted that I immagin'd it might fall to his Lot, at least for a time, and have been Striving to initiate him in that agreeable Amusement, for which he does not shew the Strongest Inclination.

My right hand man Boggs⁴ the Horse Master, will ease him much in the Laborious part, but I believe he will need more Assistance in the other Details.

The Country People coming with Corn to sell here, & Liquor &c: to carry up, and returning [with][†] with a thousand requests & Difficulties, will perplex any body that is not a little innur'd to that variety of Occurences, & perhaps throw things in great Confusion. The want of ready Money, cause abundance of Trouble, when one has to deal with People from Sundry remote Places, where the Purchaser has not Credit to draw for one Shilling — Tho' I have run the risk of having my Bills protested by Mess^{rs} Dickson & Prater,⁵ from whom I have yet no Answer

I have been casting up, that, notwithstanding I have paid off £300 of Debts, I have Still, in the Hands of Ten or twelve Suttlers & other Friends Notes of Hand for upwards of £600 which I have been oblige to borrow from time to time.

I have lower'd the Price of Grain, And, tho' I at first gave Forrage to encourage People to go up to Pittsburgh, I charge them for what they take now to be deducted from the Price of their Goods, which lessens both the Demand & the Expence.

I have nothing more to add, but waiting your Instructions & Directions, I remain with great Respect

Dear Col^l

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant

L^s. OURRY

PEARIS FAMILY

26 FEBRUARY 1759

OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 45, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford Feb^r y^e 26th 1759

Dear Col^l

Since my last to you of the 24th Cur^t I have receiv'd two Let^{rs}¹ from Captⁿ Pearis,² who informs me that Numbers of People returning from Pittsburgh have been greatly distress'd having suffer'd much hardship, through cold & hunger, & sustain'd great losses by the Death, & loss of their Horses, Starved & Stray'd. Some that took up Six brought back but one, some two. Several Men in Swimming their Horses, nearly lost their Lives. He has assisted them, & got the Flatt afloat, which, it seems, is of great Service. He recommends building another, about 5 Miles below Cressaps, at one Bruery Cox,³ as being between 30 & 40 Miles nearer from Winchester than the other Road, by that means he thinks the People from those parts would be encouraged to carry up Provisions. He has recover'd 8 or 10 Horses which I have sent for.

He acquaints me also that he has receiv'd Directions from Sr John St Clair, to receive in his Stores a Quantity of Indian Goods 'till they can be transported to Pittsburgh. They are arrived there.

None of the Deserters⁴ being return'd, but on the contrary several more having lately gone off, & the few remaining being discontented, & not to be relied on, And this Additional Store of Indian Goods being lodged there, I took the Liberty to remind Captⁿ Davis,⁵ of the Reinforcement you mention'd in case that Place should be abandon'd, upon which he acquiesced to send an Officer⁶ and twenty Men, who March this Day. I suppose on their arrival the remainder of the Marylanders will all go away.

As Captⁿ Davis does not propose writing to you 'till the end of the Month with the Monthly Returns, I have with his Consent mention'd thus much out of my own Province, for your earlier Information. I remain with Respect

D^r Col^l

Y^r most humble & most Ob^t Servant

L^s. OURRY

PEARIS FAMILY

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 85, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 4, 1759]

D^r Sir

You have the Monthly Returns¹ by Mr Ourry, who I have sent them to, as I am informed you are gon to Philadelphia, I Beg leave to trouble you, to Indeavour to have my Indians Accounts Setled, which is in the hands of Cap^t Bozmouth,² as I cant attend myself. I hope you wount think it two troublesome to see them adjusted and Setled.

The Men left in this Garrison wates Impatient untill the fifteenth of March when they will all abanden the Fort without their pay, there is maney of them at Fort Frederick that left this is Willing to Return on hearing of their Money being Come, I hope at least you'l order the Present money here that I may be able to stop what I advanced by Your Order³ You'l see by the Return that there is Maney of them Deserted sence I advanced to them and purhaps may Receive the whole money Below

I am

D^r Sir

your most Obedient and Most Hum^e Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Mar^h 4th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Cap^t Pearis March the 4th

[*Addressed*] To Coll. Hen^{ry} Bouquet at Philadelphia

¹ See Ourry to Bouquet, March 4.

² Capt. Abraham Bosomworth.

C. 16 MARCH 1759

BOUQUET TO PEARIS

[Philadelphia, c. March 16, 1759]

Letter missing, but acknowledged by Pearis in his letter to Bouquet, March 17. Bouquet discussed the garrison at Fort Cumberland.

PEARIS FAMILY

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 108, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 17, 1759]

Sir

With great satisfaction I Receiv'd your favour¹ this Day & Read part of your Letter to the men in this Garrison indeavouring to let them kno the maney Disappointments you Laboured Under in Regard to the setling their affairs, which I have made them sensible of, and are Quite Satisfied untill your farther Orders is known, on the 15th I was Obliged to Confine 13 of the Men and on the 16th they Petitioned me for Releasment which I Granted on Promising they would stay till Your Letter Came. I this day Borrowed forty Pounds from Coll: Cresap² to give them, which I believe will satisfie them untill I Receive further Orders if soon. They blame Coll: Dagworthy³ greatly for keeping their Present Money from them as they have Never Receiv'd one farthing of it yet I hope youl take care to Order it here that I may be able to make Stopages for what I have advanced for them

If the Men had got that Present money when Granted by the Province, I am Confident the cheafest Part of them would abeen here yet

Inclosed you have a Return¹ of the strength of the Garrison. I am sorry to hear Gene¹ Forbes ill[ness]† state of health. I will use all Proper means to Continue the Men untill I Receive further Orders.

I have no News

I am
Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cum^d March 17th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

P S

Sir,

I Relie on your Intrust in Regard to my Private Affares.

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Pearis 17th March

[Addressed] To Coll: Henry Bouquet In Philadelphia

† Stricken out.

² Not found.

³ Col. Thomas Cresap of Oldtown, Maryland.

⁴ Lieut. Col. James Dagworthy, Maryland forces.

PEARIS FAMILY

31 MARCH 1759

PEARIS: DIMENSIONS OF BRIDGE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 119, A. D. S.]

Fort Cum^d March 31st 1759

A Return of the Dementions of a Bridg to be made over Will's Creek¹ supposed to be sufficient to stand any flood. With the Dementions of two Connewe's [canoes] already made for the use of his Majesty's Service at this Garrison.

	Feet	Inch ^s	
The length of the Bridg	270		
The N ^o of Pillers is 6 Each Piller	24		
and	12		
The Highth	20		
The form of y ^e Pillers to be filled with stone			
The length of the large Connew is	29		
The Wedth is	2	6	
The Debth is	1	7	
The length of the Small Connew	20		
The Wedth	1	9	
Debth	1	5	

If it's thought Proper to be ordered made by these Dementions I think it will stand any Flood & will be of the utmost Service for Carrage's Passing for Pittsburg both from Virginia & Mary^d and in purticular this Garrison as Timber is very inconvenient to be got any other place then by Crossing Will's Creek, some People on their Return from Pittsburg has been oblige to stay here this 4 Days on aCount of the Creek being so high and Rapped that y^e Connew Could not Cross and likely to stay severall days longer without Swiming their horses, one ho[r]se was Drowned Yester Day attempting to swem it.

RICH^d PEARIS

¹ On the Potomac River at present site of Cumberland, Md.

PEARIS FAMILY

The latter part of April 1759 has come. The Province of Maryland has refused to appropriate any more money for the troops, which still need to patrol in Pennsylvania. In fact, Bouquet will later on have to fight Indians there, after the French are gone. But the brunt of the war has shifted to two other fronts. The Cherokees have gone over to French influence. Col. William Byrd III as well as Carolina troops are to tackle the Southern theatre,

General Stanwix is in charge of the New York frontier, where fighting is heaviest of all. the following letter indirectly commends Captain Richard Pearis to General Stanwix, and sets the stage for the next phase of his career, on a new front.

BOUQUET TO STANWIX

York Town 26th April 1759

"..... first page of letter omitted..")

Ralfe¹⁰ has got twenty men at Fort Cumberland which he brought yesterday, he would have inlisted the 14 remaining, had not some of their officers interfeared.

Col. Byrd had Sent one of his officers to that Post who offered £10= Bounty, but Ralfe had been before hand with him, and he did not get one Cap^t Pearis who goes down, was very assistant, I promised & paid him 30/. Curr^y for Each man, for his trouble and supposed Expences on that Occasion.

I think he would be able to raise 50, or 60 more in Maryland, If you thought proper to make an agreement with him; There are four officers of the Marylanders remaining at Cumberland, who having been ordered there with 100 men by Brig^r Forbes, desires your Orders for their Conduct: The men being near all gone, they can be of no further service there, as their Province does not Seem disposed to pay them.

I hope to finish my business here in a day or two and to go back to Philad^a

M^r Leslie¹¹ applied to me for leave to go to N. York to See his brother, I refer him to you.

I am with great Respect

My dear General

Your most obedient and most humble servant

HENRY BOUQUET

L. H. J. Public Buildings, at the same time, we think ourselves Obligated to
Liber No. 52 mention that the Sum proposed by you to be Expended thereon, is
Nov. 24 not Sufficient to procure all the Repairs that may be necessary, and
therefore propose to you, that it may be increased.

Signed p Order, J. Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

John Ridout Esq.^r from the Upper house, delivers to M^r Speaker the Bill Ent.^d A Supplementary Act to An Act Ent.^d An Act for the Speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, & for the Encouragement of Jonas Green of the City of Annapolis Printer Ind.^d By the Upper house of Assembly 24.th Nov.^r 1763 Read the first & Second time by especial Order and will pass.

Signed p Order J. Ross Cl. Up. Ho

Which bill was here read and passed for Engrossing.

The following Ordinance Viz^t

p. 209 An Ordinance for the immediate Repair of the Court house, and Other Publick Buildings, within the City of Annapolis

It is Ordained by his Excellency & the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, that a Sum not exceeding Three hundred Pounds shall be paid to Daniel Dulany, John Ridout, Walter Dulany, George Steuart, and Brice Thomas Beale Worthington Esq.^{rs}

By the Treasurer of the Western Shore out of the Public Money now in his hands to be laid out by the said Daniel Dulany, John Ridout, Walter Dulany, George Steuart, & Brice Tho.^s Beale Worthington, Or any two, or more of them, for the immediate and necessary Repairs of the Council House, Court House, Repository & paper Currency Office, within the City of Annapolis, A Regular and Clear Account of the Disposition of which money, they the Said Daniel Dulany, John Ridout, Walter Dulany George Steuart, and Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, or any two or more of them, are hereby directed to lay before the General Assembly at their next meeting 24.th Nov.^r 1763,

Read and Assented to by the Lower house of Assembly.

Signed p Order Henry Hooper Speaker.

Was Sent to the Upper House by M^r Dulany and Doct^r Steuart.

An Engrossed Bill, Ent.^d a Supplementary Act to an Act, Ent.^d an Act for the Speedy an effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green of the City of Annapolis Printer. was read and Assented to & Sent to the upper house with the paper Bill by M^r Henry Hall & M^r Wright.

On Motion leave given to bring in a Bill to revive Kent County November Court and Continue the process therein.

Ordered, that M^r Ringgold and Col.^o Loyd do prepare and bring in the same

On Motion, that an Address be prepared to the Governor relative to the Report brought in from the Committee appointed to inspect the Office and proceedings of the Commissioners of the paper Currency Office &c.^s leave given, L. H. J. Liber No. 52 Nov. 24

Ordered that Col.^o Tilghman, M^r Ringgold, M^r Dulany M^r Beall M^r Hanson & M^r Johnson, do prepare & bring in the Same,

The house Adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9, of the Clock p. 210

Friday Morning 25.th Nov.^r 1763.

Nov. 25

The house met according to Adjournment the Members were called and all appeared as yesterday, Except M^r Adams.

The proceedings were Read.

M^r Sulivane appeared in the house

M^r Graham brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker the following Report.

By the Committee appointed by the Hon.^{ble} the Lower House of Assembly to examine the Agents Accounts 24.th Nov.^r 1763.

Your Committee have examined the Accounts of the Agents under the Act for granting a Supply of forty thousand Pounds for his Majestys Service and Striking thirty four thousand and fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit and raising a fund for Sinking the Same, and find that Since the Report of your Committee in November Session 1757 they have Applied the Several Sums of Money then in their hands to the particular Services for which they were appropriated and that there remains in their hands the Sum of £156..18..10½, your Committee also find that there is in the hands of Captain Alexander Beall for the Ballance of the Money paid him for Recruiting his Company unaccounted for £28..1..0 and that there is in the hands of George Ross a Ballance of £11.4..0½, and the Agents Remark that he Claims a larger Sum than this Ballance on Account of Some payments made by him for Work done at fort Frederick for which the proper Vouchers have never Come to the hands of the Said Agents

Your Committee also Observe that there is in the hands of John Buchanan Merchants in London the Sum of £142..0..11 Sterling being the Ballance Unapplid of Bills of Exchange remitted to him for purchasing Arms and Ammunition

Your Committee likewise take leave to Observe that there are Several Sums of Money due to the following People for Sundry Services at the Fort which the Agents Apprehend they are liable to pay when called upon, Viz^t

Cap. ^t Emmett	3.. 0.. 0
Lod. ^p Clarmar	6..12.. 6

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1763

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Liber No. 52
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James Thompson	0..17.. 6
Luke Thompson	0.. 4.. 6
Frances Thompson	0.. 4.. 6
Patrick Burnes	0.. 4.. 6
Patrick Gray	0.. 4.. 6
Thomas Shlay	2.. 0.. 4
George Kippart	1..15.. 2
John Winshart	3..19.. 6
George Lane	3..12.. 0
John Lucas	1.. 1.. 0
George Delotta	0..16.. 6
John George	0.. 4.. 6
William Thompson	1.. 1.. 0
Val. Usulman	1..10.. 0
Pat. Culford	1.. 7.. 0
Simon Collins	0.. 1.. 9
Samuel Stevens	0..16.. 7½
John Wood	4..18..10
Richard Peariss	0..17.. 6
Tho. ^s Thernburgh	4..10.. 0
Stephen Heard	2.. 5.. 6

£42.. 5.. 2½

Your Committee have also examined the Accounts of the Said agents under the Act for his Majesty's Service passed in the Baltimore Session 1757, and find they have applied all the monies drawn out of the Loan Office to the purposes by that Act directed and that there are due from the following Officers for the Ballance of Money paid to them for the Recruiting Service. Viz^t

Lieu.^t Duncan M^cRae.....£145..0..0
NB the Agents have Lieu.^t M^c Rae's bond for 100..0..0
advanced John Ross Security.

Paid Lieu.^t M^c Rae's Bond for £100..0..0 advanced David Ross Security, & Richard Lee Esq.^r Bond of Indemnification for £100..0..0 advanced to the said Lieu.^t M^cRae, Lieu.^t Robert Hanson £69..12..5. NB the Agents have Lieu.^t Hansons Bond for £200..0..0 Advanced Edm.^d Key and Samuel Wilson Securities and Said Lieu.^t Hansons Bond for £60..0..0 advanced Thomas Mathews & George Clark Securities, Cap.^t Francis Ware £37..10..0 NB. the Agents have Cap.^t Wares Bond for £200..0..0 & £100..0..0 advanced in both which Rob.^t Swane is Security, and there appears by the Agents Books the Sum of £10..0..0 due to Lieu.^t Thomas Mathews & £7..4..0 to Doct.^r Sam.^l Meares.

p. 212 Your Committee have inspected the Agents Accounts of the distribution of £1500..0..0 granted by the Act for granting a Sum

of Money as a present to the Forces, late in the pay and Service of this Province and taken into his Majestys Service by Brigadier General Forbes and find that they have distributed the said Sum of Money to the Several Claimants under the said Act, except the sum of £70..2..6 which they have not been called upon for and which is due to the following Persons, Viz^t

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
Nov. 25

Lieu. ^t Thomas Mathews..	£12.. 0..0
Lieu. ^t Drucan M ^c Rae.....	12.. 0..0
Benjamin Griffin	4..12..3
Levin Fishwater	4..12..3
Robert Munroe	4..12..3
Abraham Eglistone	4..12..3
James Thompson	4..12..3
William Miller	4..12..3
John Jenator	4..12..3
John Terrell	4..12..3
Isaac Rally	4..12..3
Neal Carmichael	4..12..3

£70.. 2..6

Your Committee likewise Observe that of the Said fifteen hundred Pounds the sum of five hundred and Ninety three Pounds Sixteen Shillings was paid to Lieu.^t Coll.^o Dagworthy on Account of himself and the Officers and private Men of his Company as appears by his Receipt which includes an Obligation to distribute the said sum so received in such just and due proportions as by the Said Act is directed and likewise to deliver or Cause to be delivered to the Said Agents true and genuine Receipts from each man for his respective proportion received and to return the respective proportions of such men as shall have Deserted before the time of the General distribution, & the Agents inform your Committee that the said Lieu.^t Coll.^o Dagworthy hath not hitherto delivered to them any such Receipts for the said Money of the Distribution thereof.

All which is Submitted to the Consideration of the Hon.^{ble} House
Signed p Order. Henry Wilkins Clk.

M.^r Ringgold brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker a Bill Ent.^d p. 213
an Act to revive Kent County November Court and to continue the process therein

Which was Read the first and Second time by an especial Order and will pass and was Sent to the Upper house by Col.^o Loyd & Major Hynson

Benedict Calvert Esq.^r from the Upper house delivers to M^r Speaker the Bill Ent.^d an Act to revive Kent County November Court and to continue the process therein (Ind^d) By the Upper

BURD TO BOUQUET

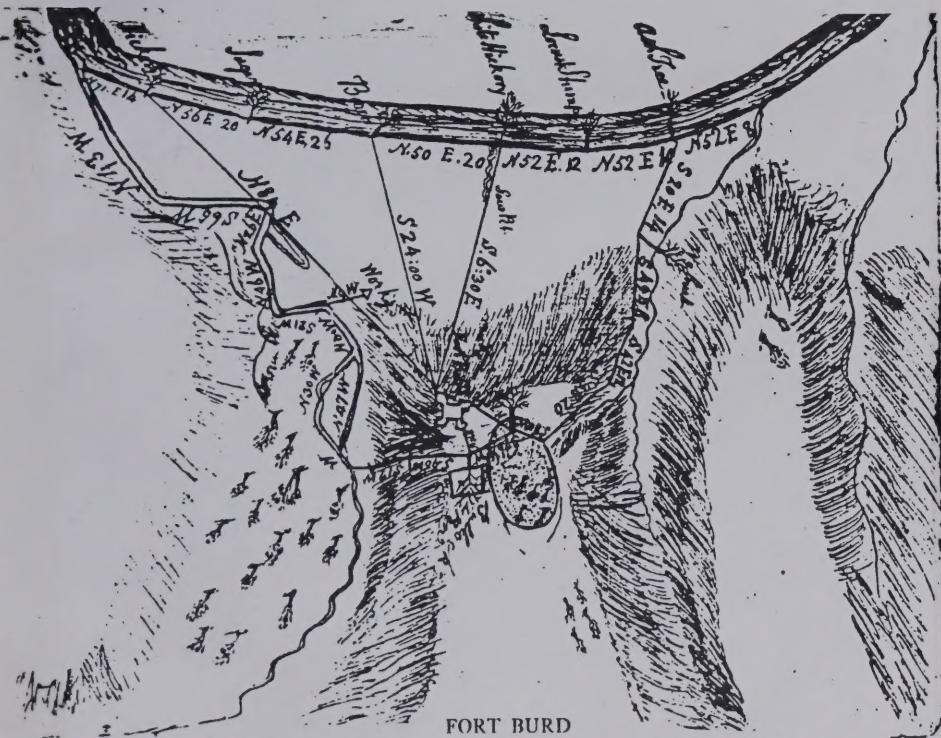
[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 361, A. L. S.]*

Camp at Martines¹ 10 miles from Fort
Cumberland 5th Septem. 1759

My Dear Sir

I have only gott thus farr upon my march, we have had a prodigious heavy Constant Rain for those three days past which makes it very difficult to gett our Wagons along, however, you may depend no time will be lost. from Cumberland hence is hilly road & stonny & we have Crossed in this little distance I think 14 or 15 Creeks so farr as I have March'd there is not one single Bridge repaired neither can I observe any thing done on the road by Mr Fenny² and I am told theres very little done before me but I shall Suspend my Judgement untill I see it

I have lost 17 men by Desertion since I left Cumberland A great many of them old troops of the best men in my Battallion. I have sent Advertisements to Virginia & Maryland & as Capt. Vanbiber³ is on his March



Drawing endorsed "Draught of the Situation of Fort Burd on the Monongahela, Laid out by J.S. jr & built by a Detachment of Pennsylvanians under y^e Command of Col^l Ja^s Burd in October 1759." [Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Shippen Family Papers,

from Pitsburg to Cumberland his Reinforcement will make that Garrison very strong I have desired Captⁿ Paris⁴ to send one Officer & twenty, or twenty five men, down the Pottomack to try if some of these fellows could not be [Catch][†] taken lurking about these Remote places

I shall take particular notice of this road in order that I may be able to render you a just Account of it on which you may Rely; what I have gon over I think may be made a tollerable road with a little pains, but I can't say what Inconveniency may Arrise from the Number of Creeks, I immagine they must be often impassible they are very stormy but not large, there is fine food⁵ on this road & I think Cattle & horses must raither Improve than fall away if any care is taken of them that goes by this Communication so farr I have seen

I have had a Vyolent fever for some days past but I'm in hopes I [have gott][†] shall gett the better off it by the Assistance of Jesuits Bark⁶

I don't know wheither I mentioned to you in my last that the Virginia Pack horses [is the][†] are the best we have ever had in the service but the Horse Mast^r Complains very much of the badness of the sadles he says they will Ruin all their backs which will be a very great pity

I shall do my self the pleasure to write you as I have opportunity & am most respectfully

Dear sir

Your most obed^t servant
JAMES BURDCol: Shippen⁷ desires his kind Compliments to you

Since writing the above I have Rece^d A letter⁸ from Cap^t Paris from Fort Cumberland acquainting me that he is in great distress for want of meat for his Garrison I gott 4 bullocks that had been lost from the drove that went up to Pitsburg & I sent Captⁿ Paris 3 of them the 4th being killed

This goes to Cumberland by Lieu^t West⁹ on his March from Pitsburg Col. Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col Burd the 5th Sept^r at 10 M. from Cumberland.

[Addressed] On His Majesties service To Col: Bouquet at Fort Bedford

⁴ Capt. Richard Pearis (often misspelled Paris) (d. 1794), an Indian trader who had raised a company in the Virginia Regt. in 1757, accepted a Maryland commission in 1758 when commanding garrison troops at Fort Cumberland, and was commissioned captain, May 3, 1759, in the 3rd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt. *Ibid.*, 296. For Pearis see *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, XVIII (1917), 97-99; XXII (1921), 122.

⁵ Appears as "wood" in the unsigned draft, H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 133.

⁶ Also known as Peruvian bark. In the U. S., this is known as marsh elder and is used to treat malaria and other fevers.

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PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 369, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, September 7, 1759]

Sir

Last Night I Rec^d a letter from Coll. Burd¹ wherein he mentions 17 Men being deserted from him since He left this & desires that I would send 20 or 25 Men with L^t West² to Scour the woods about Potomack in order to find them if Possible I have offer'd the men to M^r West but he says it is to no purpose to go out without he goes to Susquehannah or perhaps over, therefore I think Proppor not to let the Men go so far without your Orders thereon I have therefore sent M^r West to You in order to Receive Your instructions I have just now heard from Coll. Mercer³ he is Expected as far as Crissops⁴ this Night I have just now sent an Officer & 20 Men to Clear the Roads as far as Ashby's Fort,⁵ have also sent another Party clearing the Road to Crissops meddow they are in great want of Axes. I hear of no Provision comeing from Virginia

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t and Humble Serv^t
RICH^d PEARIS.

Coll: Henry Bouquett Fort Cumberland Sept^r 7th 1759

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Cap^t Pearis. 6' 7^{br}

¹ Col. James Burd. Letter not found.

² Lieut. Samuel West. See his letter to Bouquet, Sept 29, 1759.

³ Lieut. Col. George Mercer.

⁴ Col. Thomas Cresap's, present site of Oldtown, Maryland.

⁵ Fort Ashby, W. Va., located about 5 miles south of the Potomac River, on Patterson Creek.

PEARIS FAMILY

INSTRUCTIONS TO WOODWARD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 168, C.]*

Fort Bedford Septem^r 10th 1759.

Sir

In Answer to a Letter¹ of this Day's Date to Colonel Bouquet, I am desired to inform you that M^r Rutherford being acquainted with the Scarcity of Provisions at Fort Cumberl^d will immidiately Supply that Garrison. it is Pity he was not informed of your Stock some time before it was so low.

I am Surpriz'd you could not get a Horse to Send with the Express, two went from hence, to be Stationed at Fort Cumberland for that purpose.

The two Hundred Pack Horses carrying from Winchester to Your Garrison are to be disposed of in the following manner.

The first 100, loaded with Forrage, are to proceed to Pittsburgh, under Escort of an Officer & twenty Men of your Garrison (none of them to be of Col^l Burd's Battaalion) Pennsylvanians)

The Second 100 partly loaded with Forrage & partly Flour, to go to Redstone Creek Escorted by Captⁿ Pearis & his Company

The Bullocks also coming from Winchester to be forwarded to Pittsburgh and Escorted by an Officer & 25 Men.

And as Lieu^t Jones² of the 2^d Batt. Pennsylvania, is to join his Corps at Red Stone Creek, with his Party of 25 Men, you will Order him with the next Convoy that goes that Road, after Captⁿ Pearis.

In general you are to furnish Small Escorts to any Considerable Convoy going either to Pittsburgh or Redstone Creek, in Case they apply for it, or you Judge it necessary

Any Application from Liut^t Col^l George Mercer, for Men to Escort Convoys, or any Duty relating to the Service, is to be Complied wth

When the Pack Horses return from Pittsburgh or Red Stone Creek, They are to be put into Pasture to recruit, and allowed a reasonable time to get Strength, and in that time the Saddles, Baggs, &c are to be refitted, the Horses Shod and every thing prepared for their next Trips.

And their loads to be either flour or forrage, every Bag to be weighed, and not to exceed 150, or 160, according to the strength of the Horses, who are for the rest of the Campaign, to Carry to Red Stone Creek only.

And in Case you should be relieved, this is to be delivered to the Commanding Officer that Succeeds you, for his Instruction.

[no signature]

PEARIS FAMILY

BURD TO STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 424, A. L. S.]*

Camp at the Mouth of Nemocallings¹ Creek on the Mononghela,
one Mile above the Mouth of Redstone Creek

Sir 30th September 1759

I have cut the Road from Guests² & came to this Ground the 23^d Curr^t
I would have wrote your Excellency ere now but have been hourly expect-
ing the arrivall of a Battoe from Pitsburg

I think this Will be a very fine Post,³ it is Situated upon a Hill in the
fork of the River, & Creek, Commands both, & is not Commanded by
anything, the Hill is about fifty yards from the River & joins the Creek.
I have kep't the People Constantly employed on the works since my
Arrivall Altho we have been for eight days past upon the Allowance of
one pound of Beaff and half a pound of flour p man a day and this day
we begin upon a pound of Beaff not having one ounce of flour left & only
three bullocks I am therefore obliged to give over working untill I Re-
ceive some supplys, I have expected Captⁿ Paris with a Quantity of Pro-
visions some time, & know nothing of the Reason of the delay. I wrote
Six days ago upon this Subject and shall send an Express to Cumberland
this day

I shall measure the road from Guests heither & make you a return of
it, I Compute the distance 17 miles; Inclosed is a Return⁴ of the Troops
under my Command

I am with Esteem

Your Excellencys

Most Obed^t humble serv^t

JAMES BURD

His Excellency Gen^l Stanwix

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col. Burd to Gen^l
Stanwix 30th Sept^r 1759

* A copy is in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 169.

¹ Nemacolin.

² Christopher Gist's plantation, located on Nemacolin's path, about half-way between
present-day Uniontown and Connellsville, Pa. The town of North Braddock is on the
plantation site.

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BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 425, A. L. S.]

Camp at the Mononghela 30th Septem^r 1759

Dear sir

I wrote you the 25th Curr^t since which I have not been favour'd with
any from you

I am sorry to be under the Nesessity of inform^e you of my want of
Provisions, the Troops here have been for eight days past, upon the
allowance of One pound of Beaff and half a pound of flour, & this day we
begin the allowance of One pound of Beaff, Only, not having one ounce
of flour left, & but three Bullocks; I know nothing of any Supplys being
on the road not having heard from Cumberland since the 14th Curr^t, I
can't Conceive what is become of Captⁿ Paris,¹ I have this day wrote to
Captⁿ Woodward² upon this subject

I have keep't the People Constantly upon the works Since my Arrivall,
but now I am obliged to give over working, very much Contrary to my
Inclination you will believe, but I hope I will soon Receive supplys; at
present I have but five days at the allowance of One pound of Beaff

No Battoes Arrived here yet, I send to Pitsburg this day

I am most Respectfully

Dear Col:

Your most Obed^t serv^t

JAMES BURD

Col: Shippens³ Compliments

Col: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col. Burd to Col.
Bouquet the 30th September, 1759

¹ Capt. Richard Pearis was supposed to escort 100 pack horses, loaded with forage and
flour, from Cumberland to Redstone Creek. See Instructions to Woodward, Sept. 10, 1759.

² Letter not found.

³ Lieut. Col. Joseph Shippen.

BURD: INSTRUCTIONS TO PEARIS

[H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 203, A. Df.]*

Camp at Monongahela 29th Oct^r 1759

Sir

As I intend to leave you with those of your Comp^y that are here to Garrison Fort Burd, and the Great Crossings of the Youghyogany; You are to detach One Serj^t & ten Men to Garrison the Block house & Store-house at the Crossing, Give the Serj^t a particular Charge of the Flatt and what Stores may be left there & Cⁿ with the Remainder of your [Garrison] Comp^y You'l Garrison Fort Burd & you'l please receive into the King's Stores all Provision, Forrage & C that may be sent giving proper Certificates for the same & inform the General or Col^o Bouquet thereof that they may [be] order up Batteaus to carry the Stores to Pittsburg.

You'l please to keep a Book in which you'l make regular Entrys of all the Stores you receive & what you send to Pittsburg sending allways Invoices with all you send from hence. And you'l please observe that you must raise three Acc^{ts} in your Book viz^t One for M^r Adam Hoops, one for Lieu^t Col^o Geo: Mercer and one for M^r [Adam Ho] William Ramsay & in the Invoices y^o send to Pittsburg you'l mention of whom the different Articles are received.

You will proceed from hence to the Great Crossings this Morning & from thence you will take with y^o Ensign Duffield^t with as many Men as can be spared from the Work there conveniently and goe to the little Crossing at Youghyogany and endeavour to find the best place there for building a strong Bridge with his Party and give him the necessary Instructions there anent; The Leggs must be well pin'd down upon the Peers with dry Locust Pinns and covered with good Fascines & Earth.

You'l please desire M^r Duffield to keep a regular Acc^{tt} of the Men that work at both Places & I will gett them paid at Pittsburg & acquaint him that I will send a Waggon with Rum for the Men that work in the Water at the Bridge & all the Tools that he will want in a few Days.

As soon as M^r Duffield has finish'd the Bridge & the Houses & Flatt at the Great Crossings he is to march immediatly to Pittsburg with all the Soldiers of the Sec^d Battⁿ The Ship Carpenters & Sawyers & to carry wth him in the Waggon all the Tools leaving only at the Great Crossing with the Serjeant two falling axes.

I must begg that you will superintend all New Works & contribute as much as y^o can to have them soon finish'd and well; Shall allways be glad to hear from you & I am with Esteem Sir

Your most h^{be} Servant
[no signature]

[Endorsed] Coppy

Instruction to Cap^t Rich^d Pearis 29th Oct^r 1759[Addressed] To Cap^t Rich^d Pearis

BOUQUET TO PEARIS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 200, C.]*

Fort Cumberland, 27th Nov^r 1759

Sir

You are to march to morrow Morning with Your Company to the Bridge now making over The little Crossing of The Youghyogeny with four days Provision for your Party, Cutting and clearing away all The Trees & other incumberances that you may find on the Road from hence to that place and Cut a New Road round such places as the Waggons can't pass. You will find A Tree with Three Noches upon it about A quarter of a Mile on this side the little Crossing from which Tree you will open a New Road to the Bridge along the Valley, and from the other side of the Bridge you will cut as good a Road as you can into The Present one,

At the present Crossing you'l find a Bridge out of Repair you'l cutt new Loggs and make it Sufficient.

You are to Join Ensign Duffields^t Party and work upon the Bridge until it is quite Compleated, after which you are to march your whole Detachment to Fort Bedford and there wait for further Orders. when you have finished the Bridge you will find at the Great Crossing the Sillards² all the Tools and what Provisions, & C^a you have not occasion for and take The Sergiants Receipt for the same. You take with you three Bullocks, and you'l send to the great Crossing for what flour you may want for your Detachment, and you will give each Man of your Detachment one Jill of Rum p^r day and keep a Regular Accompt of those that work & send it to Col^o James Burd who will pay them. you are to pin down every Logg upon the Bridge (but you need) not) Cover them with Fasheens³ & Earth are formerly directed

I am Sir y^r most Humble Serv^t

Copy. To Capt^m Richard Paris

[no signature]

[Endorsed] Copy of Instructions by Col: Bouquet to Capt^m Rich^d Parris
Cumberland Fort 27th Nov^r 1759.

* Original not found.

¹ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, commissioned May 5, 1759, in Capt. Andrew McDowell's Co., New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 296.

² Steelyard: a type of balance.

³ Fascine: a bundle of sticks used for filling ditches or building parapets.

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 509, A. L. S.]

Fort Cumberland Dec^r 12th 1759

Sir

Agreeable to Your orders¹ I have finished the Bridge Clear'd & Cut the Road on both sides thirty feet wide I did not cut the road¹ the way you mark'd as I found Washington's road² much the best & measured both the old & New roads and find the New to be nigher than the old by fifteen chains³ I have also renewed & made good every Bridge between the little Crossings and this Place, Cut round all Places where Waggon's could not easily pass, have measured the road from the Bridge to this Place & mark'd it & find the distance to 23 1/8 Miles I was oblig'd to get more Liquor for the Men as M^r Duffield⁴ deliver'd me but three Gallons. I have sent all the Tools to the Great Crossings but 12 Axes one Spade one Shovel & one Grubbing hoe which I have deliver'd at Cumberland with the Horses & Guns &.

I have Inlisted Ten or Twelve Men & expect a great many more, should be glad you would be Pleased to order an officer to Receive them from me at Carlisle as my Bussiness requiers me to return from there if discharged at that Place

I am Sir Your most obed^t Hum Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS Cap^{tn}

3^d B. P. R^t

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Cap^t Pearis 12th Dec^r

1759

¹ See Bouquet to Pearis, Nov. 27, 1759.

² The road taken by Washington in 1754.

³ 330 yards. One chain equals 22 yards.

⁴ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt.

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PEARIS AND DUFFIELD: STATEMENT AGAINST LIVINGSTON

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 513, C.]*

COPY¹

[Fort Cumberland, December 19, 1759]

This is to Certife That we the Subscribers were present and heard Major Livingston Tell M^r Rich^d Graham that he the Said Graham was very much to blame for bring back Macraes² Horses, And that Said Graham might depend on Suffering for it to which Said Graham Answer'd that he tho't it was agreeable to all the Gentlemen here at the time as they were all present when the thing was propos'd on which we the subscribers heard Maj^r Livingston reply that it was not agreeable to him, and further added that he would not Suffer another Horse that was coming up the Road, to be impress'd to Carry Salt let the consequence be what it would, And he the Said Livingston further Said that Col^o Bouquet would not take nor Suffer to be taken the Horses that were coming up for that Service, with many oth^r things to the same purpose Still blameing Said Graham to the highest degree for offering to proceed in that Manner

As witness our hands this 19th Day of Decem^r 1759 Fort Cumberland & Sign'd

RICH^d PEARIS Cap^t

3^d B. P. Reg^t

RATCHFORD DUFFIELD

En^e 2 B. P. Reg^t

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Certificate of M^r Graham against
M^r Livingston Fort Major at Cumberland

* Original not found.

¹ Enclosed in Graham's letter to Bouquet, Dec. 23, 1759.

² Not otherwise identified. Possibly misspelling of the surname of Edward McGeary, horse master.

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allowing y^m Some Small time to Refresh & Shoe the Horses, must Send them Down.

I'm Sorry the Last Brigade of Hors's w^{ch} Came to Raystown Proves so Bad as I have 20 Waggon's Now Here Compleat waiting for Horses.

I'm S^r

Y^r most Obed^t Hu^{bl} Ser^t

GEORGE MORTON

[Endorsed] M^r Morton Sep^t y^e 4th

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from M^r Morton⁴ 4th Sept^r 1759

[Addressed] To the Hon^{ble} Coll^l Henry Bouquet Esq^r Adj^t generall at Bedford

¹ Col. William Byrd III, commander of the Virginia Regt., who was en route to Pittsburgh. For Byrd see BP III, 183n.

² John Lindsey, or Lindsay, horse master, controlling teams of horses owned by the army. Thus, "Kings" refers to the King's horses.

³ James Keemer (or Kemer, Keimer), wagonmaster, apparently from Berks County, since Conrad Weiser who was wagon manager for the county had to pass upon Keemer's charges. Weiser to Bouquet, Jan. 2, 1760.

⁴ George Morton, supervisor of wagons for the Southern Department, British Army in North America. He was now on duty at Fort Ligonier. He was killed early in 1761. Ourry to Bouquet, Feb. 11, [1761] (misdated 1760), B.M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 109.

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BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 361, A. L. S.]*

Camp at Martines¹ 10 miles from Fort
Cumberland 5th Septem. 1759

My Dear Sir

I have only gott thus farr upon my march, we have had a prodigious heavy Constant Rain for those three days past which makes it very difficult to gett our Wagons along, however, you may depend no time will be lost. from Cumberland hence is hilly road & stonny & we have Crossed in this little distance I think 14 or 15 Creeks so farr as I have March'd there is not one single Bridge repaired neither can I observe any thing done on the road by M^r Fenny² and I am told theres very little done before me but I shall Suspend my Judgement untill I see it

I have lost 17 men by Desertion since I left Cumberland A great many of them old troops of the best men in my Battallion. I have sent Advertisements to Virginia & Maryland & as Capt. Vanbiber³ is on his March

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from Pitsburg to Cumberland his Reinforcement will make that Garrison very strong I have desired Captⁿ Paris⁴ to send one Officer & twenty, or twenty five men, down the Pottomack to try if some of these fellows could not be [Catch][†] taken lurking about these Remote places

I shall take particular notice of this road in order that I may be able to render you a just Account of it on which you may Rely; what I have gon over I think may be made a tollerable road with a little pains, but I can't say what Inconveniency may Arrise from the Number of Creeks, I imagine they must be often impassible they are very stormy but not large, there is fine food⁵ on this road & I think Cattle & horses must rather Improve than fall away if any care is taken of them that goes by this Communication so farr I have seen

I have had a Vyolent fever for some days past but I'm in hopes I [have gott][†] shall gett the better off it by the Assistance of Jesuits Bark⁶

I don't know wheither I mentioned to you in my last that the Virginia Pack horses [is the][†] are the best we have ever had in the service but the Horse Mast^r Complains very much of the badness of the sadles he says they will Ruin all their backs which will be a very great pity

I shall do my self the pleasure to write you as I have opportunity & am most respectfully

Dear sir

Your most obed^t servant

JAMES BURD

Col: Shippen⁷ desires his kind Compliments to you

Since writing the above I have Rece^d A letter⁸ from Cap^t Paris from Fort Cumberland acquainting me that he is in great distress for want of meat for his Garrison I gott 4 bullocks that had been lost from the drove that went up to Pitsburg & I sent Captⁿ Paris 3 of them the 4th being killed

This goes to Cumberland by Lieu^t West⁹ on his March from Pitsburg Col. Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col Burd the 5th Sept^r at 10 M. from Cumberland.

[Addressed] On His Majesties service To Col: Bouquet at Fort Bedford

[†] Stricken out.

* An unsigned draft of this letter is in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 133.

¹ John Martin's plantation, located on Braddock's Road about halfway between Fort Cumberland and Little Meadows, overlooking Frostburg, Maryland.

^a Alexander Finnie, head sutler to the Virginia Regt.

^b Capt. Henry Vanbibber, or Van Bibber, commissioned May 23, 1759, in the Lower Counties (Delaware) Troops. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 297.

^c Capt. Richard Pearis (often misspelled Paris) (d. 1794), an Indian trader who had raised a company in the Virginia Regt. in 1757, accepted a Maryland commission in 1758 when commanding garrison troops at Fort Cumberland, and was commissioned captain, May 3, 1759, in the 3rd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt. *Ibid.*, 296. For Pearis see *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, XVIII (1917), 97-99; XXII (1921), 122.

^d Appears as "wood" in the unsigned draft, H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 133.

^e Also known as Peruvian bark. In the U. S., this is known as marsh elder and is used to treat malaria and other fevers.

^f Lieut. Col. Joseph Shippen.

^g Not found.

^h Lieut. Samuel West of Capt. Joseph Richardson's Co., commissioned May 7, 1759, in the New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 297.

SINCLAIR TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21639, f. 106, A. L. S.]

Carlile the 5th September 1759

Sir

I had the honour of your Letter¹ of the 1st Inst^t and am in hopes my last Letter² which was not then come to hand, would in some measure free you from that uneasiness with regard to forage, and convince you that nothing in my power has been left unattempted. Mr Shipping³ now informs me that he has raised the price of Oats to 2/3^d a Bushel, in Consequence of which the farmers being enabled to give higher wages, begin to thrash out, and so much is now coming in to him, that he will be enabled to Load Hanbrights⁴ Waggon, and makes no doubt of procuring the Quantity you expect from that district; I am not yet under a necessity of raising the Price here or in York County, where the People are extremely well satisfied, and bring in as much as I could expect at any price, but I have wrote to Mr Harris⁵ if in his District there should be any Complaints on Acco^t of Mr Shipping giving more at Lancaster, immediately to advertise the same. Yesterday and the day before I have sent off 13 Waggon Loads of Oats, and have enough in Store to load as many more, besides that it is hourly coming in from all Quarters. I have erected a Magazine at Captain McPhearson's house in Marsh Creek,⁶ where within these Eight days he has received upwards of 1000 Bushels of Oats and expects a very considerable Quantity; he has influence enough in that part of the Country to engage a sufficient number of Carriages to transport all he purchases to Bedford; the Waggoners

made an Application to be allowed Milage from their own homes to his house, which I thought reasonable and have agreed to it. He is situated so near Loudon, that it will come much cheaper than loading at Carlile. Those York County Waggoners likewise insist upon being paid in this County by Cap^t Byers, who they prefer to Mr Stevenson. I expect McPhearson will send off twenty Loads sometime next Week. We are in no distress for Bags, I have drawn 500 from Lancaster, and there still remains 1500 new for Mr Shipping's use.

Fulton the Waggon Master sets off from hence this morning with fifty three Waggon Drivers, which I dare say are much wanted, he has with him one Waggon, in which is the Sables &^c for the Light Horse

The remainder of the Waggon Geers will be up in the first Waggoners from Lancaster.

I have sent to Maryland to know what is doing there, and the dependence we may have from that Quarter.

I am with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
JAMES SINCLAIR

Col^o Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Cap^t Sinclair 5th Sept^r 1759

¹ Not found.

² Sinclair to Bouquet, Sept. 1, 1759.

³ Edward Shippen, Esq., of Lancaster.

⁴ Capt. John Hambright.

⁵ John Harris II (1726-1791), of Derry Twp., Lancaster County. He was a supply contractor for the army and was responsible for providing wagons from Lebanon and Derry twps., as were other justices of the peace. *BP* III, 394. Traditionally he is known as "the founder" of Harrisburg.

⁶ Capt. Robert McPherson, commissioned May 10, 1758, in the 3rd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 184. Alfred Procter James, ed., *Writings of General John Forbes* (Menasha, Wisc., 1938), 274n., suggests that he had been assisting with quartermaster general duties as early as Jan. 1759.

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SINCLAIR TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21639, f. 107, A. L. S.]

Sir

Carlile the 6th September 1759

A few hours after my Letter¹ of yesterday's date I had the favour of

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that is sent upon it from Cumberland has any Understanding & Regaird for the service he may make it a good Communication as it is very Capable of Improvement & I know I could make it a good road for the part of the Country, but as it now stands it's too bad, you know Mr Ourry weighed the loads of my Wagons & they were 12 C⁵ as I found they could not go along even w^t this moderate load & I took out ab^t 14 C out of the four Wagons and loaded upon the officers horses and at the Hills I put 6 sold^{rs} to each Wagon to hoist them up; I hope to march from hence 12 miles today if I make out this march I will be very happy at night.

I observe you have some thoughts of sending the 30 Wagons this way I hope they will do very well after the road is mended, all the Hills must be turn'd up wynding & not left as they now are streight up, the stones must be thrown out of the road, all new bridges & old ones toss'd a one side and I think the road should be widened, but this might be dispenced with.

I am very glad that the Gen^l will send a Battoe to meet me at the Manongehelo, it will Immediately upon my Arrivall Assertain the Situation of the [Wag][†] Water, & then we can proceed Accordingly with the Transportation from Cumberland

The Weather has been very severe upon my People, & not a little so upon myself as I have had a fever But However we are all in good spiritts and no Complaints I Conclude

My Dear Col:

Your sincere freind & obed^t serv^t

JAMES BURD

Col: Shippens Compliments to you

Col: Bouquet.

[*Endorsed*] Letter from Col Burd Little Meadow 7th Sept^r 1759

[*Addressed*] To Col: Bouquet at Fort Bedford

* There is a copy in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 133.

† Stricken out.

¹ Bouquet to Burd, Sept. 4, 1759.

² About halfway between Fort Cumberland and Little Meadows, overlooking Frostburg, Maryland.

³ Christopher Gist's plantation.

⁴ Misspelling of Braddock (Maj. Gen. Edward Braddock).

⁵ Burd's symbol for hundredweight. The copy in Shippen Papers uses the more common "C".

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DOW TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 365, A. L. S.]

[Pittsburgh, September 7, 1759]

Dear Collonel

Inclosed I Send you the Returns¹ I beg you a thousand pardons for not Sendeing them Sooner.

This day 47 Waggons came here only 13 loaded with Flour 7 Indian goods 23 with Engeneirs Stores, and 4 with Carpenters Chists &c; Sunday morning I Send 70 Waggons with about 70 pack Horses that belongs to Sutlers all down to Legoneir, to be loaded with Flour, The Indians has drawn for four days past 500 Rations of Flour and Beef p[er] day, Our works Seems to go very weil one, And I doe realy thinck its a Very Sweet pleasant place, And great plentie of Fish both good and large

I am with all due respect

D^r Coll/

Your much obliged Your Most Obe: & Hum: Serv^t

JAMES Dow²

Pitsburgh Sept 7th 1759.

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from M^r Dow to Col. Bouquet Sept^r the 7th 1759

[*Addressed*] To Collonel Henry Bouquet Deputy Adgitant General Bedford.

¹ Not found.

² For Dow see Gates to Bouquet, Sept. 8, 1759, note 5.

PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 369, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, September 7, 1759]

Sir

Last Night I Rec^d a letter from Coll. Burd¹ wherein he mentions 17 Men being deserted from him since He left this & desires that I would send 20 or 25 Men with L^t West² to Scour the woods about Potomack in order to find them if Possible I have offer'd the men to M^r West but he says it is to no purpose to go out without he goes to Susquehannah or perhaps over, therefore I think Proppor not to let the Men go so far

without your Orders thereon I have therefore sent Mr West to You in order to Receive Your instructions I have just now heard from Coll. Mercer³ he is Expected as far as Crissops⁴ this Night I have just now sent an Officer & 20 Men to Clear the Roads as far as Ashby's Fort,⁵ have also sent another Party clearing the Road to Crissops meddow they are in great want of Axes. I hear of no Provision coming from Virginia

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t and Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS. ✓

Coll: Henry Bouquett Fort Cumberland Sept^r 7th 1759

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Cap^t Pearis. 6^r 7^{br}

² Col. James Burd. Letter not found.

³ Lieut. Samuel West. See his letter to Bouquet, Sept. 29, 1759.

⁴ Lieut. Col. George Mercer.

⁵ Col. Thomas Cresap's, present site of Oldtown, Maryland.

⁶ Fort Ashby, W. Va., located about 5 miles south of the Potomac River, on Patterson Creek.

SHIPPEN TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 370, A. L. S.]*

Lancaster the 7th 7.ber¹ 1759

Dear Sir

My last to You was of the 3^d Instant Since which I am obliged with your Favour of the first, and am Sorry it has not been in my power to send more Waggons, and that I had been able to purchase So little forage; but you may depend upon it no pains Shall be wanting on my part to furnish both. The Justices who attended our last Orphans Court were but few in Number, but they Said they had done all they could to procure Waggons & to get the farmer to thresh out their oats.

Captain SinClair² Showed some uneasiness, and well he might, that many of the Waggoners dropt their Loads at Forts Loudoun and Littleton, Supposing the Waggoners were Sick of the Journey; but on a Strickt inquiry of the Waggon Masters I was convinced that their Waggons were broke and so could not possibly proceed any further Captain SinClair advised me not to Settle and pay for those services till the Campaign was over; but as I thought Such a Step might be very prejudicial to the service I Settled y^e Acc^t of Carriage and paid in proportion to the Distances between Carlisle & Fort Bedford, & I would have deducted something on Acco^t of the milage between Lancaster and Carlisle; but could not make

the Owners of the Waggons agree to it, and I was loth for the Reason afores^d to gain y^e ill will of ten or a dozen leading men in the County as it would have been a means of discouraging the few that do go into the Service; but if you think I ought to have taken Something off of the milage on that account please to intimate it in your next and I will make some deduction if possible. I am also to acknowledge your favour of y^e 3 Instant wherein you are pleased to Say that Captain Hambright has bought more horses than he had orders for (which he never mentioned to me till he received your answer by his Express) and as you are in want of them to Supply the many losses you have Sustained you direct me to pay him the money for them. In my Letter of the 3^d I let you know I had about £950:— in bank which is Since greatly diminished. Last night I began a Settlement with Captain Hambright and inclosed I Send you a Sketch of y^e Acco^t of his Waggons and horses amounting to about £4300:— So that there is £1200 Still due to him which I shall endeavour to answer in the best manner I am able, without detaining him a moment The Smith's here have disappointed him intirely as I may Say in regard to his Iron Traces, [&c]† that I was obliged to send away one of y^e men with 2 or 3 horses for 70 pair for 70 horses, to Philad^a which cannot be here before monday night So that we Shall not begin to load the Waggons with Forage till monday or Tuesday. If y^e hired Waggons do not go always in regular Brigades, it is a Thing we cant any way help. many of the Waggoners let us know if we won't give them Loads here or at Some of our Mills, they will drive empty to Carlisle I just mention this, not that I Shall agree to any thing unreasonable [Just]† to humour them [to]† to the prejudice of the Crown. If I have not been able to do the business I so chearfully undertook, it may be perhaps for want of ability but not through Carelessness or Indolence; for I do aver I never was So anxiously concerned in any of my own Affairs [and]† as I have been in the Kings business; for Since you have been gone, I have rode about to great Numbers of our Farmers begging and praying, & with money in my hands, that they would thresh out their fforage, or else I Should not have got the few bushels already come in. Besides the bags already filled for Cap^t Hambrights 30 Waggons, Mr Postlethwait³ tells me there are 500 Bushels gone off in his Brigade and I hope W^m Smith Esq^r at Donnegal will soon send a Thousand bushels more. Our Farmers will take time to plough and sow in the proper Seasons, if [. . .]† noble General Stanwix Stood over their shoulders. If you think 2/3 P bushel for oats & 2/6 for Speltz be not an Encouraging price; please to Say So, and I will raise it to your mind; but Emanuel Carpenter Esq^r a leading

† Stricken out or ill-placed

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tinue afterwards to carry between that [Post][†] & Cumberland, allowing them proper Rest.

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t hble Serv^t

HENRY BOUQUET

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter from Col. Bouquet to M^r Tho^s Rutherford
10th Sept^r 1759

* Original not found.

† Stricken out.

¹ Col. James Burd.

² Lieut. Col. George Mercer. See Instructions to Woodward, Sept. 10, 1759.

³ See Bouquet to Hoops, Sept. 11, 1759.

CARY TO MERCER

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 376, A. L. S.]

Frederick Town Sept^r 10th 1759

Dear Sir

I Receved both yours¹ with the Advertisemen^{ts} and have Done all I Could to advise the People here to Carry out Forrage for the army, but find they will not and the Reason is Coll^o Prather who acts here as Contractor for Waggon's forrage &c, Gives Ready money for all Sorts of Forrage Deliver^d in this Town, and allows 17/6 p^r Gross hundred Carraige to Bedford I wish it was in my power to Serve you in this or any thing Else, if [you][†] it Should in time to Come Please Command

Dear Sir

your Very Hum^l Serv^t

JOHN CARY²

Col^o Mercer

[Endorsed] Lre from M^r Cary about Forrage &c.

† Stricken out.

¹ Neither letter nor advertisement found.

² A principal merchant in Maryland. Letter enclosed in Mercer's to Bouquet, Sept. 28, 1759.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO WOODWARD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 168, C.]*

Fort Bedford Septem^r 10th 1759.

Sir

In Answer to a Letter¹ of this Day's Date to Colonel Bouquet, I am desired to inform you that M^r Rutherford being acquainted with the Scarcity of Provisions at Fort Cumberl^d will immidiately Supply that Garrison. it is Pity he was not informed of your Stock some time before it was so low.

I am Surpriz'd you could not get a Horse to Send with the Express, two went from hence, to be Stationed at Fort Cumberland for that purpose.

The two Hundred Pack Horses carrying from Winchester to Your Garrison are to be disposed of in the following manner.

The first 100, loaded with Forrage, are to proceed to Pittsburgh, under Escort of an Officer & twenty Men of your Garrison (none of them to be of Col^l Burd's Battaalion) Pennsylvanians)

The Second 100 partly loaded with Forrage & partly Flour, to go to Redstone Creek Escorted by Captⁿ Pearis & his Company

The Bullocks also coming from Winchester to be forwarded to Pittsburgh and Escorted by an Officer & 25 Men.

And as Lieut^t Jones² of the 2^d Batt. Pennsylvania, is to join his Corps at Red Stone Creek, with his Party of 25 Men, you will Order him with the next Convoy that goes that Road, after Captⁿ Pearis.

In general you are to furnish Small Escorts to any Considerable Convoy going either to Pittsburgh or Redstone Creek, in Case they apply for it, or you Judge it necessary

Any Application from Liut^t Col^l George Mercer, for Men to Escort Convoys, or any Duty relating to the Service, is to be Complied wth

When the Pack Horses return from Pittsburgh or Red Stone Creek, They are to be put into Pasture to recruit, and allowed a reasonable time to get Strength, and in that time the Saddles, Baggs, &c are to be refitted, the Horses Shod and every thing prepared for their next Trips.

And their loads to be either flour or forrage, every Bag to be weighed, and not to exceed 150, or 160, according to the strength of the Horses, who are for the rest of the Campaigne, to Carry to Red Stone Creek only.

And in Case you should be relieved, this is to be delivered to the Commanding Officer that Succeeds you, for his Instruction.

[no signature]

Mrs. Sterling is gone. The departure was so lamentable that Peters writes me he was sent for to moderate the grieff.⁶

Farewell my dear Sir, my kind Compliments to Col. Shippen.

I am

Dear Sir

Your most devoted hble Servant

HENRY BOUQUET

¹ Nemacolin's Creek which Burd had spelled "Nemocallings."

² Gen. Jeffery Amherst.

³ Rev. William Smith (1727-1803), the provost of the Philadelphia College and School (subsequently the University of Pennsylvania), had been in England appealing libel charges directed against him by the Pennsylvania Assembly for his newspaper publication of William Moore's address to the governor (dated Oct. 19, 1757). George II's law officers rejected the libel on June 26, 1759. Consult William Renwick Riddell, "Libel on the Assembly: A Prerevolutionary Episode," *Pa. Mag. of Hist. & Biog.* LII (1928), 176-192, 249-279.

⁴ Rev. William Macclanechan, visiting from Virginia, became an assistant pastor at Christ Church, Philadelphia, delivering popular sermons there and gathering support from a merchant, John Ross. Bouquet may have written "Rob—" for Ross, copying from someone else's writing.

⁵ Pessimism concerning Wolfe's expedition was also expressed in a letter from Richard Peters to Capt. James Young, referred to in Armstrong to Bouquet, Sept. 14, 1759. Bouquet's reference here to a letter from Peters suggests that he has drawn much of his non-military news from that writing, although it cannot now be found.

⁶ Dorothy (Dolly) Willing was married to Capt. Walter Sterling of the Royal Navy. She had left Philadelphia to rejoin him. Richard Peters, provincial secretary, was a friend of the Willing family, as was Bouquet.

BURD TO STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 424, A. L. S.]*

Camp at the Mouth of Nemocallings¹ Creek on the Monongehela,
one Mile above the Mouth of Redstone Creek

Sir

30th September 1759

I have cut the Road from Guests² & came to this Ground the 23^d Curr^t I would have wrote your Excellency ere now but have been hourly expecting the arrivall of a Battoe from Pittsburg

I think this Will be a very fine Post,³ it is Situated upon a Hill in the fork of the River, & Creek, Commands both, & is not Commanded by anything, the Hill is about fifty yards from the River & joins the Creek, I have kep't the People Constantly employed on the works since my Arrivall Altho we have been for eight days past upon the Allowance of one pound of Beaff and half a pound of flour p man a day and this day we begin upon a pound of Beaff not having one ounce of flour left & only

three bullocks I am therefore obliged to give over working untill I Receive some supplys, I have expected Captⁿ Paris with a Quantity of Provisions some time, & know nothing of the Reason of the delay, I wrote Six days ago upon this Subject and shall send an Express to Cumberland this day

I shall measure the road from Guests heither & make you a return of it, I Compute the distance 17 miles; Inclosed is a Return^t of the Troops under my Command

I am with Esteem

Your Excellencys

Most Obed^t humble serv^t

JAMES BURD

His Excellency Gen^l Stanwix

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col. Burd to Gen^l
Stanwix 30th Sept^r 1759

* A copy is in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 169.

¹ Nemacolin.

² Christopher Gist's plantation, located on Nemacolin's path, about half-way between present-day Uniontown and Connellsville, Pa. The town of North Braddock is on the plantation site.

³ Fort Burd.

⁴ Not found.

BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 425, A. L. S.]

Camp at the Monongehela 30th Septem^r 1759

Dear sir

I wrote you the 25th Curr^t since which I have not been favour'd with any from you

I am sorry to be under the Nesessity of inform^e you of my want of Provisions, the Troops here have been for eight days past, upon the allowance of One pound of Beaff and half a pound of flour, & this day we begin the allowance of One pound of Beaff, Only, not having one ounce of flour left, & but three Bullocks; I know nothing of any Supplys being on the road not having heard from Cumberland since the 14th Curr^t, I can't Conceive what is become of Captⁿ Paris,¹ I have this day wrote to Captⁿ Woodward² upon this subject

I have keep't the People Constantly upon the works Since my Arrivall, but now I am obliged to give over working, very much Contrary to my

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Inclination you will believe, but I hope I will soon Receive supplies; at present I have but five days at the allowance of One pound of Beaff

No Battoes Arrived here yet, I send to Pittsburg this day

I am most Respectfully

Dear Col:

Your most Obed^t serv^t

JAMES BURD

Col: Shippens³ Compliments

Col: Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Col. Burd to Col. Bouquet the 30th September, 1759

¹ Capt. Richard Pearis was supposed to escort 100 pack horses, loaded with forage and flour, from Cumberland to Redstone Creek. See Instructions to Woodward, Sept. 10, 1759.

² Letter not found.

³ Lieut. Col. Joseph Shippen.

RUTHERFORD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 426, A. L. S.]

Winchester 30th September 1759.

Sir

I have this day sent from here 46 Pack Horses Loaded with Flour, and 88 Loaded with Forrage, the former for the Mouth of Red Stone Creek, and the Latter for Pittsburgh, I am now in great Hopes that they are so well fixed out, that they will be able to Perform, It was not in my Power to send them away quite so soon as I Mentioned in my Letter of the 22^d Instant,¹ Greatly owing to the Forrage not being brought in as soon as Col^o Mercer² and I expected

I shall send from here the 6th of next Month 100 Beeves for Fort Cumberland, and the Mouth of Red Stone Creek

Several of the People who went with Forrage to Pittsburgh are Returned and apply to me for their Money, which I have not in my hands to pay them; nor have the Contractors Supply'd me with Sufficient to pay for the Beeves Sheep and Flour, which I have Sent from here for this six Weeks past.

I shall be able to send you an Acc^t of the Price of the 200 Pack Horses³

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in a few days: Mr Walker having purchased a part of them and has not sent me an Acc^t of the Cost as yet

I am with Respect

Sir

Your most Ob^t Hble Servant

THO^s RUTHERFORD.

[*Endorsed*] Mr Rutherford's Letter Sep^t 30 To Col Bouquet

[*Addressed*] On his Majestys Service To Henry Bouquet Esq^r Deputy Adjutant General at Fort Bedford.

¹ Not found.

² Lieut. Col. George Mercer.

³ 100 of these pack horses were to be loaded for Pittsburgh, the others to go to Redstone Creek, under escort of Capt. Pearis.

HOOPS TO GRAHAM

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21654, f. 80, C.]*

Carlisle 30th Sept^r 1759.

Sir

I rec^d yrs. of y^e 21st Ins^t ¹ Coll. Bouquet has Said nothing to me abo^t y^e price of Beef at Pittsburgh But desires I w^d pay you for the 60 Beeves w^{ch} he had order'd up. He says they were to be very Good, weighing about 500 Each, at y^e Same time he desires I w^d not send up any Small Cattle for the fall away in y^e driving besides the will not bear Salting, I have now sent instructions & money to Tho^s Rutherford Esq^r who will receive them from you and Allow you a reasonable Commission for your Trouble But if y^e Cattle is not Above 4 years Old and at least above 400 Each I am Sure Col^l Bouquet w^d much rather order you pay for the Disapointm^t & you Cattle to be sent to another Markett. But as the Beeves is now ready & in pasture I make no doubt a Number of them will do, and Answer Agreeable to Col^l Bouquets instructions² to me.

I am sir

Y^r most hum Serv^t

[no signature]

To Mr Rich^d Graham Winchester

[*Endorsed*] Copy of Mr A. Hoop's Lett^r to Mr Graham

* Original not found.

¹ Graham to Hoops, Sept. 21, 1759.

² See Bouquet to Hoops, Sept. 11, 1759.

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ing Mr Morton⁵ in regard of this Article, & have you may depend on't a watchful Eye on M^cpherson. De Haas is as Careful on this point as I have ever known him about anything. I have sent down a parcel of Superfluous weomen and Other unnecessary people, perhaps some who have been discharged this place may make application to the General or you, for farther Stay, such as Bakers &^e which shou'd not be granted: as I plainly discover the smaler the Garrison & it's attendants, the better for the Service, this being no more now than a Post of passage.

inclos'd you have a Counterfiet pass or discharge⁴ produc'd here by a Deserter from Cap^t Gordons Company, which cost Six of my people a Case of Eighteen Miles before they took him. he shall go up by the first Opportunity. we have at present a very great rain, the Road from Stoney-Creek to the Alleghany will doubtless be knee-deep. I thought to have mix'd this heavy letter, with some Other Subject, but must refer it at this time, and am dear Sir, with Sincere respect

Your most Obedient Humb^l Serv^t
JOHN ARMSTRONG

Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Col. Armstrong to Col. Bouquet dated Ligonier Oct^r 29th 1759

¹ John Philip de Haas (1735-1786), emigrated from Holland in 1750. Commissioned ensign in Robert Callender's Co., 1st Bn., Pennsylvania Regt., on Jan. 3, 1758. Appointed battalion adjutant April 30, 1758. He would be promoted to captain April 28, 1760. A resident of Lebanon town, he rose to be a general in the Revolution. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, 178-179, 312; D. McN. Stauffer, "General John Philip De Haas," *Pa. Mag. of Hist. & Biog.*, II (1878), 345-347.

² Capt. Robert McPherson. Returns not found.

³ Lieut. Col. Adam Stephen.

⁴ Not found.

⁵ George Morton, contractor for supplies at Ligonier.

BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 470, A. L. S.]*

Camp at Monongehelo 29th October 1759

Dear Sir

It was with great pleasure I Rece^d your Aggreable fav^{rs} last night of the 24th Curr^t¹

I am glad the Gen^l approves of the building the two houses at the



FORT BURD

Drawing endorsed "Draught of the Situation of Fort Burd on the Monongahela, Laid out by J.S. jr & built by a Detachment of Pennsylvanians under y^e Command of Col^l Ja^s Burd in October 1759." [Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Shippen Family Papers,

Vol. 4, f. 203.1

Crossing, Our affairs there go on Extreemly well; I likewise observe the Gen^ls approbation of the Bridge across the Little Youghyogamy & that He desires I would have it done, which you may assure His Excellency I will with pleasure; I have sent Captⁿ Paris² this Morning to the little Crossing to View the propper place & to Return & make Report to me; as I shall leave Captⁿ Paris here I thought it proper he should see both Crossings in order that he might [understand]† the better understand my Instructions to Him

I send you by the Battoes 20 baggs of forrage being all that I have here except a little I have kept for the horses Employed at this place. I likewise send Sundry other Things aggreable to the Invoice³ Inclosed. I am inform'd there are upwards of Sixty Wagons upon the road to this place loaded with flour but Can't ascertain the time they will be here

I send Lieu^t Scott⁴ & four men in the Battoes with 5 Deserters as I thought they might be a hinderance to me upon my March. The works here are in great forwardness think to finish by Saturday & march from hence for Pittsburg on Sunday first, shall leave all the Tools &^{ca} nailed up in Boxes made on purpose ready to go to Pittsburg by the first Battoes

I shall give the Officer here particular Derections Concerning the Regularity of his Entrys & Certificates for Stores, & in every respect leav things on such a footing as to prevent all manner of Confusion

Col: Shippen⁵ & self have thought that the Gen^l should have some Satisfaction Concerning the Courses &^{ca} of this River above this Fort, but heitherto we have had too much to do to Attempt to put Our Scheme in Execution. Col: Shippen for this purpose will sett off tomorrow with three Hunters in a Canoe & perhaps mayn't Return before my Departure from hence, he will follow me to Pittsburg

I shall be obliged to March with about 6 or 8 rounds of Amunition p[er] man. I have been obliged to hunt for Victuals, you'l therefore please to send p[er] the First Battoes what Amunition you may think Nessary for this Garrison

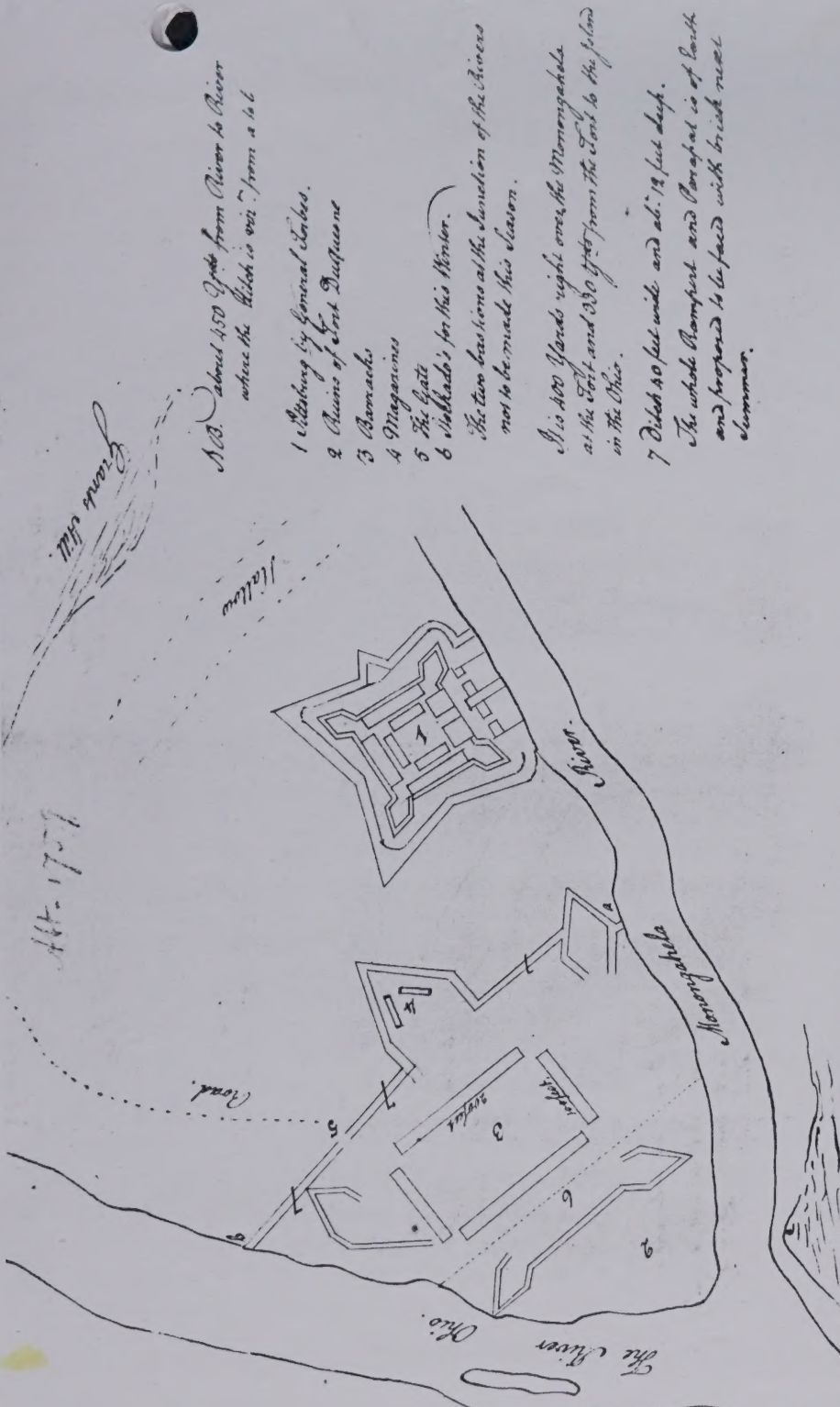
I have been inform'd that it is not Impossible to gett a Road to avoid the two Crossings of the Monongehelo, I shall send the Troops along & take a look at this, as I think it would be of great use to the driving of our Cattle &^{ca} to Pittsburg.

There is no Salt as yett arrived, neither do I hear of any upon the road, & indeed theres nothing in store but the Forrage I send you. At present I am pretty well off in point of Provisions for my Detauchem^t tho it is not above two days since I had not one ounce of flour, eight Wagons is arraved with 48 baggs of flour

† Stricken out.

SKETCH OF MERCER'S FORT AND RUINS OF FORT DUQUESNE

Unfinished drawing endorsed "A Rough Sketch of the Fort building at Pittsburg, with a Plan of the Fort erected there by General Forbes" Historical Society of Western Pa., from MSS. Indian Affairs, 113, 6, 22



N.B. About 450 Yds from River to River where the ditch is cut from a to b

- 1 Station by General Forbes.
- 2 Ruins of Fort Duquesne
- 3 Barracks
- 4 Magazines
- 5 The Gate
- 6 Stockade for this Winter.

The two bastions at the Junction of the Rivers not to be made this Season.

It is 400 Yards right over the Monongahela at the Fort and 380 Yds from the Fort to the point in the River.

7 Ditch 40 feet wide and abt. 12 feet deep.

The whole Rampart and Parapet is of earth and proposed to be faced with brick next summer.

I begg my Compliments to the Generall & that you will beleive me with Regard

My Dear Col: Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t
JAMES BURD

Col: Shippen beggs his Compliments to the Gen^l & Yourself he is just come fr[om] The Great Crossing & sett all the wheels agoing there

Col: Bouquet

[Addressed] To Henry Bouquet Esq. D: Adjutant Generall Pittsburg

* An A. Df. is in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 205.

¹ Bouquet to Burd, Oct. 24, 1759.

² Capt. Richard Pearis, or Paris, commissioned in the New Levies, May 3, 1759. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 295.

³ Not found.

⁴ Lieut. Joseph Scott, commissioned Dec. 15, 1757, in Joseph Shippen's Co., 2nd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt. *Ibid.*, 182.

⁵ Lieut. Col. Joseph Shippen.

BURD TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 472, A. L. S.]

Camp at Monongehelo 29th Oct^r 1759

Dear Sir,

I wrote you of this date;¹ it Rains so prodigeously that I have detain'd the Battoes in the mean time your kind agreeable favours of the 25th Curr^t ² was delivered me by M^r Rutherford and I thank you very kindly for your Care that I should not want, but you'll observe by my Last that my Common case is at present altered as I am [at present][†] living in plenty

You'll observe by my last that Col: Shippen & myself had thought of being able to give you some Acco^t of the River Monongehelo, tho the Youghyogany did not Occurr to us, However as Col: Shippen sett's off tomorrow to go up the Monongehelo in a Canoe upon his return (which may be about Saturday or Sunday) he will go to the Great Crossing of Youghyogany (where I shall have a Canoe Ready made for him) & from thence he will attempt to proceed by Water to Pittsburg making the Nesessary observations as he goes along as to (Trouble) we never suffer such a weed to grow in our Garden

[†] Stricken out.

I shall give M Rutherford Derrections³ about the supplys Nesessary for this Garrison and the Two Crossings, I have press'd the People at Cumberland to take care that the building of the Flatt &^{ca} should not be stop't for want of provisions

I am My Dear Col: Your very affectionate & obed. humb^l serv^t
JAMES BURD

Col: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Letters from Col. Burd to Col. Bouquet. October 29th 1759

* An A. Df. is in H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 205.

¹ See preceding letter.

² Probably Bouquet's letter to Burd, Oct. 24, 1759. No letter found for Oct. 25, 1759.

³ Thomas Rutherford. Directions not found.

BURD: INSTRUCTIONS TO PEARIS

[H.S.P., Shippen Family Papers, Vol. 4, p. 203, A. Df.]*

Camp at Monongahela 29th Oct^r 1759

Sir

As I intend to leave you with those of your Comp^y that are here to Garrison Fort Burd, and the Great Crossings of the Youghyogany; You are to detatch One Serj^t & ten Men to Garrison the Block house & Store-house at the Crossing, Give the Serj^t a particular Charge of the Flatt and what Stores may be left there &C^a with the Remainder of your [Garrison][†] Comp^y You'l Garrison Fort Burd & you'l please receive into the King's Stores all Provision, Forrage &C that may be sent giving proper Certificates for the same & inform the General or Col^o Bouquet thereof that they may [be][†] order up Batteaus to carry the Stores to Pittsburg.

You'l please to keep a Book in which you'l make regular Entrys of all the Stores you receive & what you send to Pittsburg sending allways Invoices with all you send from hence. And you'l please observe that you must raise three Acc^{ts} in your Book viz^t One for M^r Adam Hoops, one for Lieut Col^o Geo: Mercer and one for M^r [Adam Ho][†] William Ramsay & in the Invoices y^o send to Pittsburg you'l mention of whom the different Articles are received.

You will proceed from hence to the Great Crossings this Morning &

[†] Stricken out.

from thence you will take with y^e Ensign Duffield¹ with as many Men as can be spared from the Work there conveniently and goe to the little Crossing at Youghyogany and endeavour to find the best place there for building a strong Bridge with his Party and give him the necessary Instructions there anent; The Leggs must be well pin'd down upon the Peers with dry Locust Pinns and covered with good Fascines & Earth.

You'll please desire M^r Duffield to keep a regular Acc^{tt} of the Men that work at both Places & I will gett them paid at Pittsburg & acquaint him that I will send a Waggon with Rum for the Men that work in the Water at the Bridge & all the Tools that he will want in a few Days.

As soon as M^r Duffield has finish'd the Bridge & the Houses & Flatt at the Great Crossings he is to march immediatly to Pittsburg with all the Soldiers of the Sec^d Battⁿ The Ship Carpenters & Sawyers & to carry wth him in the Waggon all the Tools leaving only at the Great Crossing with the Serjeant two falling axes.

I must begg that you will superintend all New Works & contribute as much as y^e can to have them soon finish'd and well; Shall allways be glad to hear from you & I am with Esteem Sir

Your most h^{be} Servant
[no signature]

[Endorsed] Coppy

Instruction to Cap^t Rich^d Pearis 29th Oct^r 1759

[Addressed] To Cap^t Rich^d Pearis

* Original not found.

¹ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, commissioned May 5, 1759, in Capt. Andrew McDowell's Co., New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 296.

² See also Burd to Bouquet, Oct. 29, 1759.

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BENTINCK TO ACHARD

[Un. of Nottingham, Duke of Portland MSS., Bentinck Papers, A. L. S.]

Monsieur

Pittsburg the 30th Oct^r 1759

Je Suis extremement Sensible aux nouvelles preuves d'Amitié, dont vous M'honorez dans votre lettre du 14^e d'Avril, et me trouverai tres heureux, Si ma Conduite peut meriter l'approbation d'un Si bon juge. Et puis que vous m'invité a vous ecrire Confidemment, je le ferai Sans reserve, persuadé que vous voudres bien me donner vos Conseils librement, que Je Suis déterminé de Suivre.

Vous etes trop bien Informé, de tout ce que le Duc¹ me fit la Grace

de me dire d'obligeant a mon Entrée au Service d'Angleterre pour le rapeller ici, Vous Savez qu'il me donna lieu a me flater que je pourrais Compter, Sur Sa protection la plus particuliere, et en Consequence esperer de me pousser dans le monde, Sous un Si puissant appuy, mais Soit que l'abcence, et l'eloignement, ou quelque autre Cause que j'ignore m'ayt fait perdre dans Son Esprit, je vous avoué que Cette Idée ne laisse pas de me donner beaucoup de peine. Après avoir Servy près de 4 Années Comme Subalterne, J'ai la mortification de voir tous les jours mes Cadets, acheter des Compagnies, et dans le Battⁿ meme ou je Suis, deux personnes qui etoient Serjeants in Europe, Sont Capitaines, parce qu'ils ont eus des amis, et de l'argent.

Rien ne peut etre plus dur, et plus decourageant que cette Situation, a laquelle je Seray probablement encore exposé pour longtems.

Le General Amherst a fixé le Prix des Compagnies dans les vieux Corps, a £1200 livres, et dans le notre, et les nouveaux £1100. Une Lieutenant Se vend pour £300, de façon que la difference est £800 a payer. Lorsqu'un Cap^e obtient la permission de vendre Sa Comp^e elle est offerte au Cap^t L^t, et a Son refus au plus ancien L^t, et ainsi de Suite, jusqu'a ce que que leur offre la Somme fixcée.

a la paix peux de Cap^{es} Vendent, et les Comp^{es} vent a 1500, et 1800 Livres St^e. la guere est le Seul tems, ou l'on a occasion de S'avancer, et Si on la manque on peut rester Subalterne toute Sa vie.

Pour ce qui est de repaser au Service d'Hollande, je vous avoue, que je ne puis Consevoir que le Duc en ait eu l'Idée, Ne Seroit a pas me perdre d'honneur et de reputation, de quitter un Service en guerre, pour entrer dans un autre, en profonde Paix. D'ailleurs quelle avantage Seroit ce pour moi d'avoir une Lieut^e en Hollande. Je ne m'etendrais pas davantage Sur ce desagreable Sujet, etant bien déterminé de crouper plustot dans un Employ Subalterne en Amerique, que de repasser en Europe Sur un aussi desagreable Condition.

J'ay reçu depuis que je Suis en Amerique 50 Livres St argⁿ dont Mylord Duc m'a fait la grace de me gratifier et J'ai pris la liberté de lui ecrire des lettres de remerciement d'abord après. la necessité des Circumstances, et l'excesive Cherté du necessaire dans a paix, m'oblige de profiter de Ses offres genereux mais je arrangerai de façon a n'en pas abuser.

[J]ecriis a Mylord Duc, Sans faire aucune mention de ce que je vous mande. S'il trouve a propos de me fournir les Moyens d'acheter une Campagⁿ ou de m'en faire avoir une par quelque autre moyen. je lui devray ma fortune. Mais ce doit etre l'effet de Ses bontes pour moi. Et je ne lui demanderai jamais une telle faveur, n'ayant aucun titre qui m'y autorise.

Posts below Bedford.

Tho the General has ordered 100 Bullocks Pr week, this is only to be understood for the five or 600 Heads bought by Mr Hoops for Salting. But he is not to send any more than that Number, as they had a great number besides at Pittsburgh.

Send me if you can a Return of the Quantity of flour, forrage & salt, received at Ligonier and Pittsburgh Since the 12th Ins^t that I left it:

They had then 650 Barrells of flour at Pittsburgh, and no forrage: and at Ligonier about 90,000^{lb} of flour, forrage uncertain. And you will keep the Pack Horses going with Salt, flour, & forrage, as long as they can

Those which are able, are to proceed to Pittsburgh I need not repeat that Salt is the first thing to be forwarded.

You may now Send the Cattle up, as we have forwarded 200 Bushells of Salt from hence, and about 50 more will go in two days, besides what you have & will forward from Bedford.

I write⁶ to The General to send you a Bill for a 1000 £ ster^e out of which you will pay £1200 Pennsylv^a Currency to Mes^{rs} Callender and Hughes and keep the remainder in your hands. The receipts must be made for me, as I shall be charged with the whole Sum.

I send you the Receipt for the money⁷ you have sent me Besides what you have discovered of Captⁿ Blagg and Captⁿ McNeals dealings, I found out that the last had before Sent five Horses to Virginia which were sold for his Acc^t

The Wine I thought to have at Bedford was left and went in Poor Callender's House.

I am undone If my Papers are destroyed, having all my receipts there before August, besides my private Papers & Baggage.

Please to send to Carlisle what Baggage I left in your Room, except my Gun, that I would have here if An Oppertunity Offers. I recommend to your Protection my two Pupps either to leave them in Your hands or send them down.

I shall not leave this Place till I have made Somthing of Virg^a and heard what you can do on your side to save Our People at Pittsburgh: Send the inclosed⁹ with all dispatch to The General.

Farewell my Dear Ourry this is hard Work when we had reason to expect to have nothing else to do

I am most Sincerely Yours &c

[no signature]

Captⁿ Ourry

P. S.

Col: Burd's Battⁿ (200 Men) march to Bedford, as they have no Tents please to lodge them, in the Barracks & Hospital and to receive all The King's & Stray'd Horses they have

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter from Col^o Bouquet to Captⁿ Ourry Fort Cumberland 27th Nov^r 1759

* Original not found.

¹ See letters from Ourry to Bouquet under dates listed.

² Lieut. Col. George Mercer.

³ Probably this refers to Walker, Rutherford, and Graham of Virginia.

⁴ Barnabas Hughes.

⁵ James Sinclair.

⁶ See Bouquet to Stanwix, Nov. 26, 1759.

⁷ See Ourry to Bouquet, Nov. 17, 1759. Receipt not found.

⁸ See Bouquet to Stanwix, Nov. 26, 1759.

⁹ Probably Bouquet's letter to Stanwix, Nov. 26, 1759.

BOUQUET TO PEARIS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21652, f. 200, C.]*

Fort Cumberland, 27th Nov^r 1759

Sir

You are to march to morrow Morning with Your Company to the Bridge now making over The little Crossing of The Youghyogeny with four days Provision for your Party, Cutting and clearing away all The Trees & other incumberances that you may find on the Road from hence to that place and Cut a New Road round such places as the Waggon's can't pass. You will find A Tree with Three Noches upon it about A quarter of a Mile on this side the little Crossing from which Tree you will open a New Road to the Bridge along the Valley, and from the other side of the Bridge you will cut as good a Road as you can into The Present one,

At the present Crossing you'll find a Bridge out of Repair you'll cutt new Loggs and make it Sufficient.

You are to Join Ensign Duffields¹ Party and work upon the Bridge until it is quite Compleated, after which you are to march your whole Detachment to Fort Bedford and there wait for further Orders. when you have finished the Bridge you will find at the Great Crossing the Sillards² all the Tools and what Provisions, &^{ca} you have not occasion for and take The Sergiants Receipt for the same. You take with you three Bullocks. and you'll send to the great Crossing for what flour you may

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PEARIS TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 509, A. L. S.]

Fort Cumberland Dec^r 12th 1759

Sir

Agreeable to Your orders¹ I have finished the Bridge Clear'd & Cut the Road on both sides thirty feet wide I did not cut the road¹ the way you mark'd as I found Washington's road² much the best & measured both the old & New roads and find the New to be nigher than the old by fifteen chains³ I have also renewed & made good every Bridge between the little Crossings and this Place, Cut round all Places where Waggon could not easily pass, have measured the road from the Bridge to this Place & mark'd it & find the distance to 23 1/8 Miles I was oblidged to get more Liquor for the Men as M^r Duffield⁴ deliver'd me but three Gallons. I have sent all the Tools to the Great Crossings but 12 Axes one Spade one Shovel & one Grubbing hoe which I have deliverd at Cumberland with the Horses & Guns &.

I have Inlisted Ten or Twelve Men & expect a great many more, should be glad you would be Pleased to order an officer to Receive them from me at Carlisle as my Bussiness requiers me to return from there if discharged at that Place

I am Sir Your most obed^t Hum Serv^tRICH^d PEARIS Cap^{tn}3^d B. P. R^t

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Cap^t Pearis 12th Dec^r 1759

¹ See Bouquet to Pearis, Nov. 27, 1759.² The road taken by Washington in 1754.³ 330 yards. One chain equals 22 yards.⁴ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt.

13 DECEMBER 1759

OURRY TO BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21642, f. 96, A. L. S.]

F Bedford Dec^r y^c 13th 1759D^r Col^l

Since my last¹ to you, all your Servants (except Asoph) are gone, with your Baggage, and Master Bedford & Miss Pheby.² The two Blue Boxes

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I sent down this Week in a Waggon to Philadelphia & Orderd them to be left at my old Lodgings. So that you have nothing here now but your Stick, which I shall bring down, (if I come down) and the Elke's Horns, for the Amusement of the Waggoners & Drivers.

I have just been answering the Gen^{ls} Let^r ³ which I receivd Yesterday with your Packet, & the £1000 Str^e I have paid Hughes^t £1200 Cy.

The Gen^l Still presses me to force up, & I do force up.⁵

The four Com^{rs} of R. A. will be here tomorrow.⁶

The G^l writes me he does not expect to be here before the latter end of January, if so soon. I have only time now to say that I am always

D^r Col^lVery Sincerely Your most humble & most ob^t Ser^tL^s. OURRY

Col Bouquet

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Letter from Cap^t Ourry to Col. Bouquet Dec^r 13th 1759

¹ Ourry to Bouquet, Nov. 30, 1759, "10 o'Clock P. M."² Bouquet's dogs.³ Neither Stanwix' letter nor Ourry's answer found.⁴ Barnabas Hughes.⁵ Meaning to expedite the flow of provisions to Pittsburgh, and perhaps a pun based on "force" and "press", or impressment. Clearly Ourry was impressing horses. On Dec. 13 he wrote Lieut. Col. Joseph Shippen, "Commanding His Majesty's Forces at Fort Bedford" as follows:

Being at a loss for Horses to carry up Provisions to Pittsburgh, I am reduced to the necessity of impressing them from the Country People, who bring up liquor, &c. But without the interposition of the Commanding Officer; as the Country sell or pretend to sell their Horses to the Officers before I can have an opportunity of providing for the King's Service.

I, therefore, beg that you will please to prevail on the Gentlemen that bought four of M^r Smith's Horses, either to return them to him, or allow them to be loaded for the King; Otherwise His Majesty's Service must suffer . . .

P.S. I would not have troubled you if the Gentlemen would have been persuaded by me. They are [:] Captⁿ Sharp Captⁿ McDowal M^r Boucher & the Serj^t Maj^r of the 3^d Battⁿ

[A.P.S., Burd-Shippen Papers.]

⁶ These Royal Americans were quickly marched westward. On Dec. 15 Ourry wrote Shippen (both being at Fort Bedford) as follows:

As all the Royal Americans are to march tomorrow, and this Guard is to be relieved by Provincials, I shall esteem it as a favour if you will be so Kind as to allow a Set of Men for that particular Duty as it requires great Care, and some time to be well acquainted with the nature of it.

This Guard requires three Centinels Day and Night.

[A.P.S., Burd-Shippen Papers.]

want for your Detachment, and you will give each Man of your Detachment one Gill of Rum p^r day and keep a Regular Account of those that work & send it to Col^o James Burd who will pay them. you are to pin down every Logg upon the Bridge (but you need) not) Cover them with Fasheens³ & Earth are formerly directed

I am Sir y^r most Hmble Serv^t

[no signature]

✓ Copy. To Captⁿ Richard Paris

[Endorsed] Copy of Instructions by Col: Bouquet to Captⁿ Rich^d Parris
Cumberland Fort 27th Nov^r 1759.

* Original not found.

¹ Ens. Ratchford Duffield, commissioned May 5, 1759, in Capt. Andrew McDowell's Co., New Levies, Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 296.

² Steelyard: a type of balance.

³ Fascine: a bundle of sticks used for filling ditches or building parapets.

BOUQUET TO READ [Fort Cumberland, November 27, 1759]

Letter missing, but mentioned in Read's letter of Dec. 3, 1759.

INSPECTION OF MEAL: WALKER'S CONTRACT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21654, f. 111, D. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, November 27, 1759]

Report of the Inspection made of a Quantity of Flour for the Use of His Majesty's Troops, being Part of M^r Walkers Contract Viz^t

9 Baggs of Meal W^t 956

It is the Opinion of the following Officers Order'd by Colonel Bouquet to Inspect the Said Meal That it is Course, Damaged & not fitt for Use Given under our Hands at Fort Cumberland the 27th of Novem^r 1759.

LEVI TRUMP. ¹	Cap ^t
H ⁿ VANBEBBER ²	Cap ^t
GEO: SPEAKE ³	L ^t
C. GRAYDON ⁴	L ^t 2 B P R.
GEO: M ^c KNIGHT ⁵	L ^t
RYVES HOLT ⁶	Ensign

[Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting] Inspection of Meal at Fort
Cumberland 27th Nov^r 1759

¹ Capt. Levi Trump, commissioned Dec. 17, 1757, in 2nd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt. *Pa. Arch.*, 5th Series, I, 182.

² Capt. Henry Vanbebber, or Van Bibber, Lower Counties (Delaware) New Levies. Commissioned May 23, 1759. *Ibid.*, 279.

³ Probably George Speake, ensign in Lieut. Col. Adam Stephen's Virginia Regt. in 1757.

⁴ Ens. Caleb Graydon, commissioned Dec. 2, 1757, in 2nd Bn., Pennsylvania Regt., promoted to lieutenant, Nov. 13, 1758. *Ibid.*, 181.

⁵ Lieut. George McKnight, commissioned May 5, 1759, in the New Levies. *Ibid.*, 296.

⁶ Ens. Ryves Holt, commissioned May 22, 1759, in Lower Counties New Levies. *Ibid.*, 297.

INSPECTION OF MEAL: RAMSAY'S CONTRACT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21654, f. 112, D. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, November 27, 1759]

Report of the Inspection made of a Quantity of Flour for the Use of His Majesty's Troops, being Part of Ramsay's Contract—Viz^t

10 Baggs of Meal W^t 2274

30 Baggs of Course Meal 6604

It is the Opinion of the following Officers Order'd by Colonel Bouquet to Inspect the said Meal That it is Sound & Good in its Kind. Given under our Hands at Fort Cumberland the 27th Novem^r 1759.

LEVI TRUMP	Cap ^t
H ⁿ VANBEBBER	Cap ^t
GEO: SPEAKE	L ^t
C. GRAYDON	L ^t 2 ^d B P R
GEO: M ^c KNIGHT	L ^t
RYVES HOLT	Ensign

[Endorsed] Inspection of M^r Ramsay's¹ Coarse Meal 27th Nov^r

¹ William Ramsay.

craft¹² who tells me the King has made a promotion of M Generals, to Brudenell¹³ inclusively (Prevost¹⁴ exclusively) who with Durand¹⁵ is put on the German Staff. I give you joy of this promotion, he says Cap^t Prescott¹⁶ was to sett out, but was order'd to wait for news from Quebec, which they expected daily & must have probably arrived in very few days after the Pacquet Boat Sailed, so that I expect another Pacquet in very soon

Brig. Gen^l Monckton¹⁷ with several of the wounded from Quebec are here, Some of them going further to the Southward, B^r Monckton is finely recover'd & thinks he wants no better air.

I have received a letter from Gov^r Hamilton¹⁸ which I transmitt to you with my Answer, tho' I presume you will have had one to the same purport.

I have orderd the Regim^{ts} to provide their Camp Necessaries by the first of March next, & that they shoud excercise twice a week when the weather will permitt by Companies, where the Regmin^t is not together & according to the order of Excercise as was deliverd by Col^l Townsend¹⁹ to each Battⁿ. The light Infantry Companies are kept up, but their Cloaths not cut till further orders. The Instructions for Recruiting the same as last year. You will be so good to order to your Battⁿ any Part of this as you shall judge necessary. I am in hopes you will pick up many of the Disbanded Pensylvanians.

The Pacquet Boat has sailed this day with Col. Grant²⁰ & Capt. Abercromby²¹ Lt. Col. Robertson²² & Major Monypeny²³ two more summon'd to attend the General Court Mart^l in England²⁴ said in the Towey man of war in ten days.

I am with great truth & Esteem

Dear Sir Your Most humble & most Ob^t Servant

Signd/ JEFF AMHERST

[Endorsed] Copy Maj^r Genl Amherst Letter to Maj^r Genl Stanwix
18th Dec^r 1759

* A copy is in P.R.O., AP, W.O. 34/45, f. 237.

¹ Capt. Charles Lee, commissioned July 11, 1756, in the 44th Regt.

² The French Fort St. Frédéric, on the peninsula of Crown Point on the west shore of Lake Champlain, was blown up by the retreating French, Aug. 31, 1759. A new fortification was begun by the British but never finished.

³ See Stanwix to Amherst, Oct. 10, 1759, *ibid.*, f. 106.

⁴ Council of War at Pittsburgh, Oct. 7, 1759, *ibid.*, f. 108.

⁵ Farquhar to Stanwix, July 7, Aug. 20, Aug. 29, and Sept. 24. *Ibid.*, 34/21, ff. 1, 3, 5, 7. All expressed impatience with Stanwix's slowness in relieving Farquhar at Niagara.

⁶ Niagara, the strategic key to the Great Lakes, was surrendered by the French on July 25, 1759, and Lieut. Col. William Farquhar, 44th Regt. (commissioned Sept. 19, 1758), was its first British commandant. He died, probably of dysentery, Oct. 11, 1759.

⁷ Lieut. Thomas Bassett, Capt. John J. Schlösser's Co., 1st Bn., Royal Americans. Commissioned Feb. 14, 1756.

⁸ Lieut. Col. William Eyre transferred from the 55th to the 44th Regt., Oct. 29, 1759, succeeding Farquhar at Niagara.

⁹ James Gabriel Montessor (1702-1776), Director of Engineers and lieutenant colonel. He also held a lieutenant's commission, dated July 23, 1737, in the 14th Regt., a unit assigned to Gibraltar. In 1759 he commanded the troops and outposts along the communication between Albany and Lake George.

¹⁰ See Amherst to Stanwix, Nov. 20, 1759, *ibid.*, 34/45, f. 112.

¹¹ Col. Hugh Mercer, several times commended by Stanwix and Amherst for his professionalism.

¹² John Calcraft, army agent and contractor for the British forces.

¹³ Thomas Brudenell, colonel of the 51st Regt. since April 22, 1757, was promoted to major general June 28, 1759. He was serving in Germany.

¹⁴ Col. James Prevost had applied for promotion to brigadier general and had failed, which led to his return to England.

¹⁵ Major James Durand, commissioned Sept. 30, 1758, 1st Foot Guards, was made major general June 24, 1759.

¹⁶ Capt. Robert Prescott, commissioned Jan. 22, 1755, 15th Regt.

¹⁷ Brig. Gen. Robert Monckton (1726-1782), colonel commandant, 2nd Bn., Royal Americans. Second in command under Wolfe, he was shot through the lungs in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, Sept. 12, 1759, but he survived.

¹⁸ James Hamilton, lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, 1759-1763.

¹⁹ Col. (the Hon.) George Townshend, 28th Regt.

²⁰ Col. (in America only) Francis Grant, commissioned Dec. 17, 1755, in the 42nd Regt.

²¹ Capt. James Abercromby, commissioned Feb. 16, 1756, in the 42nd Regt.

²² Lieut. Col. James Robertson, commissioned July 8, 1758, in the 15th Regt.

²³ Major Alexander Moneyppenny, 22nd Regt. Br. *Army List* for 1761 states that he was commissioned major July 26, 1760.

²⁴ The court martial was for Major General Lord Charles Hay, colonel of the 33rd Regt., who had been placed under arrest in 1757 by Lord Loudoun for disobeying orders. Demanding a trial to clear his reputation, Hay was cleared by a court martial which sat from Feb. 12 to March 6, 1760, and was a "farce", according to Stanley M. Pargellis, *Lord Loudoun in North America* (New Haven, 1933), 240-241. Hay died May 1, 1760.

19 DECEMBER 1759

PEARIS AND DUFFIELD:
STATEMENT AGAINST LIVINGSTON

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 513, C.]*

COPY¹

[Fort Cumberland, December 19, 1759]

This is to Certifie That we the Subscribers were present and heard Major Livingston Tell M^r Rich^d Graham that he the Said Graham was

very much to blame for bring back Macraes² Horses, And that Said Graham might depend on Suffering for it to which Said Graham Answer'd that he tho't it was agreeable to all the Gentlemen here at the time as they were all present when the thing was propos'd on which we the subscribers heard Maj^r Livingston reply that it was not agreeable to him, and further added that he would not Suffer another Horse that was coming up the Road, to be impress'd to Carry Salt let the consequence be what it would, And he the Said Livingston further Said that Col^o Bouquet would not take nor Suffer to be taken the Horses that were coming up for that Service, with many oth^r things to the same purpose Still blameing Said Graham to the highest degree for offering to proceed in that Manner

As witness our hands this 19th Day of Decem^r 1759 Fort Cumberland & Sign'd

RICH^d PEARIS Cap^t
3^d B. P. Reg^t
RATCHFORD DUFFIELD
En^s 2 B. P. Reg^t

[*Endorsed in Bouquet's handwriting*] Certificate of M^r Graham against M^r Livingston Fort Major at Cumberland

* Original not found.

¹ Enclosed in Graham's letter to Bouquet, Dec. 23, 1759.

² Not otherwise identified. Possibly misspelling of the surname of Edward McGeary, horse master.

20 DECEMBER 1759

BOUQUET TO STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21638, f. 69, A. Df.]*

Winchester 20th December 1759

Dear General

I was detained here much longer than I exxpected to [settle our Accounts with Virg^a]† and have finished at last our accounts wth Virg^a Except [with]† a few, who have yet their Horses in the Service: I have paid all what was clearly due, But referred [them for]† all their Losses to your further Consideration I take all the Vouchers with me, to enable you to make them [a part]† what allowance you may think proper for the

† Stricken out.

Same.

You will see by the Inclosed Accounts¹ the amount of the total Expence, and what money remains in D^r Walker's [Hands]† & L^t Col. Mercer's² Hands [which will be more than sufficient]† to [ballance]† pay the ballance, due in Virg^a that Province when settled. M^r Ramsay³ [no]† being not able to comply with His Contract I [have taken]† have given no good security to deliver at Fort Burd & for [the Sum of]† about £800 [of which]† he remains debtor, [and he]† for which he has engaged to deliver at Fort Burd a quantity of flour [to pay that debt]† Part of Which is actualy at Cumberland, & Part in [the]† store at the great Crossing: We must therefore for the future have [no affair all our]† our Sole dependance for Bread from Pensilv^a [and if it is not well possible to lay in a sufficient quantity about]† Fort Cumberland; The Remainder will follow [bi]† by degrees, [as I]† having agreed with Several People to take Loads of it. But I am afraid [you]† it will be a difficulty to get it if the River is frozen

M^r Walker Sends off this day by Bedford [for fear of the Water]† a drove of Hogs Weighing about 24,000^{lb} of Pork and I have directed him to send [another]† drove of 50 more [Hogs]† in february next; and 50 more in march besides 50 Sheep in april If there was any Corn to spare at Pittsburgh, [a number]† some of those Hogs could be Kept alive & fat with Each a Pint of Corn per day & serve for the use of Officers and sick, [and if you think it necessary and y^e drove may to be sent in march]†

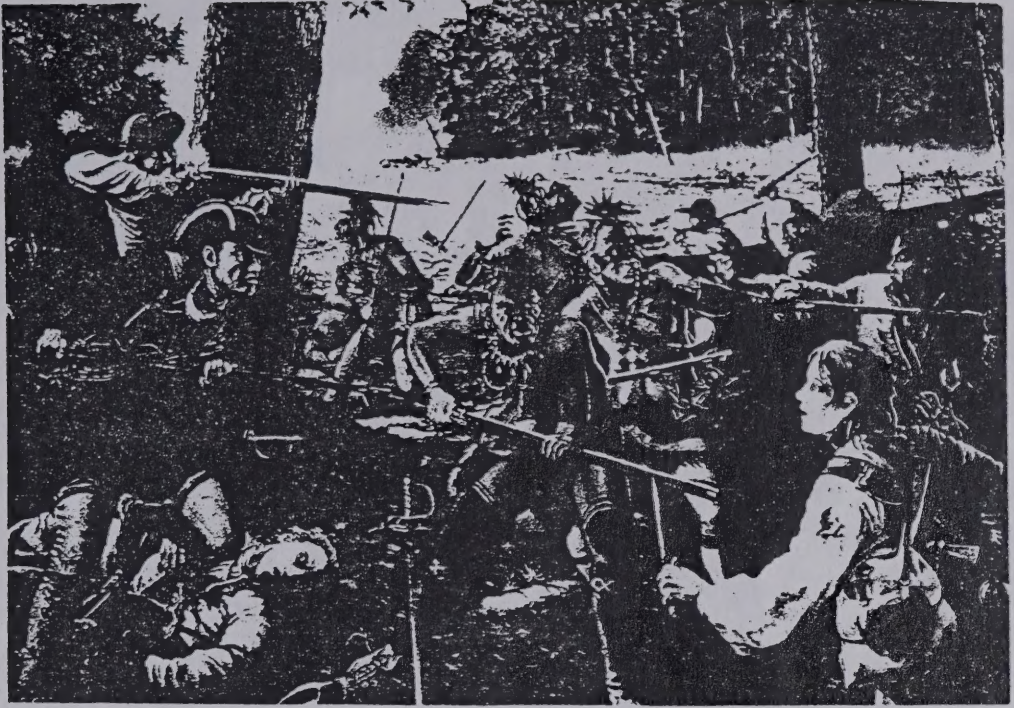
I forwarded your Packet to Gov^r Fauquier, [who]† Capt Gun⁴ Who coms from Williamsburgh says that M^r Littleton⁵ had sent an Express to Inform our Troops that the Cherokee had offered to give satisfaction in delivering the offenders in his hands, But that he was still marching on with Intention to hang them in their own Town. Major Lewis⁶ just arrived from Montreal tells me that the Pensilv^a [have better]† Keep only 160 men of their Troops & disband the rest, [which would mak]† which would make an alteration in your disposition, [until]†

All our Prisoners are returned from Canada, [Jenkins]† He lefft Jenkins⁷ at Crown Point, Ryder⁸ [was]† had been sent to New Orleans [& can not be]† He says that the French look upon themselves as conquered having [great]† no Provisions to collect the Remainder of their forces, Bread [being]† and Meat being at three french Livres a Pound.

Their Men of War above Quebec were to make an attemt to go down the River after the Retreat of our Fleet

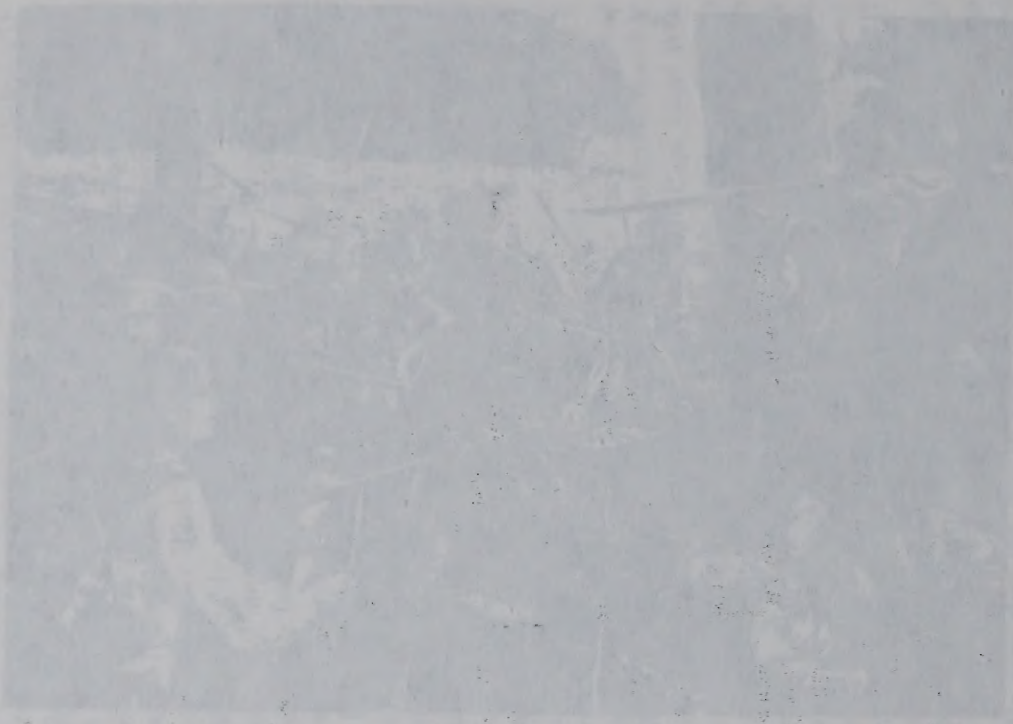
I see in the news Papers your Promotion⁹ which gives me the greatest

† Stricken out.



Captain Smith Wins French and Indian War Battle at Lost City

Photograph courtesy of West Virginia National Guard



Portrait of a woman, possibly a friend or relative, standing in a field or garden.

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Dear Mother,
I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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